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Meeting of June 11, 1953
Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, Chairman; Commissioner Parry, Secretary; Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Christian, Judge Gardiner, and Dr. Williams, Director.

The minutes of the May 28 meeting were read.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Judge Gardiner read a copy of a letter which was being sent to the Board of County Commissioners relative to the employment of Leonard Summers to become effective June 15.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that Expenditures covered by checks Nos. 3128 - 3149 in the General Operating Account and checks Nos. 411 - 414 in the In-School Counseling Account and check No. 13 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that House Bill 1690 increasing the Juvenile Judge's salary was now a law.

A request was read from Mrs. Dame for a summer camp scholarship for James Moody at the YMCA Camp to be paid from the Trustee Account.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that the request be approved. Motion carried.

The Director reported that there were 53 children in foster homes under the supervision of the Child Welfare Unit in May and this represents an increase over the previous month. He also reported that the Children's Service Bureau is supervising six children in foster homes.

Dr. Williams reported on Johnny who had been so unpromising during the first years of foster home care under the supervision of the Children's Service Bureau but who has begun to show improvement. He also reported on four children who are not in foster homes but in schools and at the YMCA.

A letter from Mr. E. L. Westbrook was discussed and the reply from the Director was read.

There was a discussion of Court statistics over the past three years seven months. A copy of the letter from Judge Gardiner addressed to the County Commissioners was read by the secretary, Commissioner Parry. Mrs. Holland read a statement which she was submitting for the Board's consideration with a request that it be sent to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board gave its approval to the statement with a request that Mr. Christian, Mr. Parry, and Dr. Williams incorporate suggestions made at the meeting.
Mr. Christian moved that the statement of the Board's position be approved as amended and that this statement be signed by the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board and sent to the Board of County Commissioners and the members of the Budget Board, with copies given to the newspapers. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Judge Gardiner being temporarily absent.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until June 25.

Sidney S. Parry
Secretary