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MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 1949

The Juvenile Welfare Board met January 6, 1949 in Clearwater at 9:30 A. M. with all members in attendance, also Dr. Williams, director, and Mr. Rogero, chief probation officer.

The Board welcomed Mr. Floyd Christian, county superintendent, as a new member, replacing Mr. Puguitt.

The minutes of December 9 and December 27 were read and approved.

A letter from the county commissioners was read, announcing the resignation of Mr. Rogero as chief probation officer to become effective February 15, but with a request for two weeks' vacation, beginning February 1. Mr. Belcher was asked to have the commissioners clarify the wording of the letter.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved and Judge White seconded that the New chief Board recommend to the county commissioners the name of probation officer Mr. Ed Patrick as chief probation officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogero expressed the desire to leave his position as of February 1, and suggested that he take the new officer around upper Pinellas to meet officials, et cetera, before that time. He also asked permission to use the services of the Clearwater secretary for some typing required of him as president of the State Probation Association.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved the Board lend the secretary to Mr. Rogero for this typing. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Holland asked Mr. Rogero for a report of cases and an audit of his accounts as of February 1.

Mr. Rogero asked permission to pay the Board the balance of the amount due on his car and to take immediate possession. Mr. Belcher suggested checking with Mr. Blocker as to the legality of this. Dr. Williams was asked to make the necessary arrangements regarding this.

Motion: Judge Marshall moved the title to the Chevrolet 2-door Sale of car sedan be transferred to Albert Rogero upon payment of to Mr. Rogero \$1420.10, provided transfer is approved by the county attorney, and provided Mr. Rogero pay any federal tax that might be necessary. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams read the qualifications for the position of assistant probation officer, as outlined by the National Probation Department and the Florida State University. A comparison was made. It was agreed to set up minimum requirements for this position and to give news releases to the newspapers so that applications could be received and studied by the Personnel Committee. Judge Marshall suggested that this assistant be appointed on a six months' trial period.

Judge Marshall reported that an officer in the Clearwater Bank would take the matter of extra bank collateral up directly with the state auditor.

Judge Marshall asked the opinion of the Board as to its policy concerning his signing a letter for the National Probation and Parole Association, as to whether he should use his personal stationery or that of the Juvenile Court. It was left to his discretion, though Dr. Williams commented that personal was generally used.

Motion: Bills amounting to \$1133.18 were presented. Mr. Christian
Bills moved their payment. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to discuss the Board's future program and legislative acts and amendments at a special meeting, the time being set for January 12th at 8:00 P. M. at Mrs. Holland's residence, St. Petersburg.

Judge White stated that in his estimation "juvenile work in this county is a question of experimentation and cooperation, and that clinics and advice to family groups were most important". He was of the opinion that overburdened county officials should not be on the Welfare Board, that recreational programs should be left to the schools, and that more money should not be asked for.

Motion: The case of Theora Landness was discussed and upon the
Girl's recommendation of Mrs. Dame the Board voted unanimously to
tuition pay tuition amounting to \$33.00 for this girl. Miss Phillips made the motion and Mr. Belcher seconded it.

Dr. Williams reported that plans for his service on marriage and family counseling were progressing, and that he expected to give one and one-half days a week to this service. He felt that the in-service training course should wait to be worked out with the Judge and Mr. Patrick; and furthermore, he hoped to work out a plan with the University of Florida, and the University of Atlanta whereby credit could be given for such a course.

Dr. Williams offered to write a letter of acceptance to Mrs. Sylvia Carothers, executive secretary of the Children's Commission of Florida, for the four Board members recently appointed to this Commission, whose appointments had not been made because of their official county positions.

Board members expressed satisfaction over the arrest and conviction of bar operators at the beach, who had sold liquor to minors. Mr. Chester McMullen, state's attorney, suggested the matter be taken up with the State Beverage Department, with the idea of revoking the licenses of convicted operators. Mr. Christian further suggested the Board invite both Mr. Burton Rogers of this department and the sheriff to its next regular meeting to discuss the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P. M.

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Secretary