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MEETING, April 2, 1959
Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: The Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland, and Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Alfred D. Koenig, Psychiatrist, Director of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The minutes of the March 5, 1959, meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Judge Parks, and passed.

**MOTION**

**Expenditures**

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which passed, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #6067 through #6096, dated March 15, 1959, and #6097 through #6133, dated March 27, 1959.

The financial statements for the month of March 1959, were reviewed by the Board. The report on children in foster care was also reviewed by the Board.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman announced that he had appointed Mrs. Holland and Mr. Christian to serve along with him and the Director on the budget committee. A meeting of this committee was arranged for April 20, at eleven a.m. at the St. Petersburg office.

Dr. Finck read a letter from the County Commissioners enclosing a resolution passed by the Board and sent to the Legislative Delegation stressing the need for additional moneys for foster care to be appropriated by the State for the State Department of Public Welfare.

Dr. Finck read a report from the Child Welfare Unit on the two children in Brown Schools who are being supported in part or totally by funds from the Juvenile Welfare Board. It was reported that Linda Wohlsen was making a good steady improvement and that the Brown Schools recommended that she continue there in order to be able to consolidate the gain she has made and to make them permanent aspects of her behavior and personality. In the case of Richard Coady, the Brown Schools through the Child Welfare Unit reported that his group adjustment has been better than his past performances would have indicated. The school says that it is possible to control him if he is given sufficient individual attention, but he still requires much individual supervision and authority. In their opinion, however, he is working well, particularly in view of the serious acting out behavior shown prior to his admission to the Brown Schools.

Dr. Finck also read a letter from the Child Guidance Clinic under the date of March 30, 1959, in reference to William Rowland, born 6/29/47, a child considered by the Clinic to be in need of residential treatment. The Board agreed that a further study should be made of the case to determine what part of this treatment plan the parents could financially afford.
Dr. Finck read a letter from the Community Welfare Council asking for nomination for the Community Welfare Council Award. The Board decided that there was no volunteer whom they could particularly recommend for nomination.

Dr. Finck also read letters received in response to the Eleventh Annual Report from Judge Lincoln Bogue of St. Petersburg; Dr. Ralph L. Witherspoon, Director, Child Development Institute of Florida State University; Miss Beatrice L. Garrett, Director, Children's Bureau of Knoxville and Knox County, Tennessee; and Dr. Bernice Milburn Moore the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health at the University of Texas.

**MOTION**
Permission for Dr. Finck to attend NEA Conference

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried, for the payment of expenses for Dr. Finck to attend the National Education Association Conference on "The School's Role in the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency", Washington, May 13th to 15th, 1959.

**MOTION**
Permission for Dr. Spital to attend Florida Psychological Association

Mrs. Strickland moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to pay expenses for Dr. Charles Spital to attend the meeting of the Florida Psychological Association at St. Augustine, April 23rd through 25th, 1959.

**MOTION**
Purchase of tape recorder

Judge Parks moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the purchase of another Wollensak Tape Recorder at the same approximate price for which the previous one was purchased.

Dr. Alfred D. Koenig, psychiatrist, Director of the Child Guidance Clinic of Pinellas County, spoke to the Board about the work of the Child Guidance Clinic. He told of the history of the Child Guidance movement and of the development of the two Clinics at St. Petersburg and Clearwater in Pinellas County. He described the operations of the Clinic and the way in which children and parents were helped with their problems. He stressed the difficulties the Clinic was having in trying to deal with the many requests for its services and the waiting period that took place before children could be seen. He stated that additional staff would be needed before the Clinic would be able to operate currently.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, May 7, 1959.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary