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Meeting of January 15, 1958

Held in St. Petersburg

PRESENT: Reverend Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mr. Floyd T. Christian; Mrs. H.W. Holland; Mr. Evan R. Jenkins; also present the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams and Dr. George H. Finck, Marriage and Family Counselor.

Motion: Mr. Jenkins moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion, which
Minutes carried, approving the minutes of the November 20 meeting as submitted by mail to the Board members.

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion,
Expenditures which carried, approving expenditures for November 30, December 15, December 30, 1957 and January 15, 1958, as listed on checks No. 5245 through No. 5325 in the General Operating Account, and check No. 62 in the Trustee Account.

The financial reports for November and December were reviewed and accepted, and the Director was asked to write a letter to the Honorable Bryan Willis, State Auditor, requesting that the State auditors make an audit of the accounts of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the fiscal years 1955-1956 and 1956-1957.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Jenkins seconded a motion that
Investments the Director be authorized to invest as much of the Juvenile Welfare Board funds as expedient in U.S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness or other U.S. securities to get a return on the money. The motion carried.

The report concerning the number of children in foster care, the number of days of care during which this care was given, and the receipts and expenditures for foster care was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Dr. Williams recommended that the Board continue to pay the \$100 a month for Linda Sue Wohsen who is in need of specialized treatment center care for a period of twelve months, according to the Director of the Child Guidance Clinic. After discussion, it seemed advisable to provide this treatment as soon as possible and not wait for the \$800 to be donated by organizations which are being approached for contributions, and Dr. Williams recommended that the Board underwrite this child as an emergency case for specialized residential center treatment services to the extent needed and in accord with the Child Guidance Clinic's recommendation for twelve months treatment beginning as soon as possible.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Jenkins seconded a motion, which
Linda Sue Wohsen carried, that the Director's recommendations be approved.

Motion: Mr. Jenkins moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that the
Toni Beckinstone dental work badly needed for Toni Beckinstone be authorized and paid for by the Juvenile Welfare Board. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the request for skates for Russell Oppenlander and approved the payment for the skates from the Trustee Account.

Dr. Williams presented the need for the employment of Miss Marguerite Marsh on a part-time basis to investigate day nurseries and kindergartens.

Motion:
Miss Marsh

Mr. Jenkins moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion authorizing the employment of Miss Marsh at \$200 a month, on a temporary basis, the length of time to be determined by funds available. The motion carried.

A letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson was brought to the Board's attention, in which Mrs. Jackson invited the Board to have luncheon with her at the next Board meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Clearwater on February 19, at 9:30 A.M. and to accept Mrs. Jackson's invitation to luncheon at the Fort Harrison Hotel.

MOTION:
Tenth Annual
Report

Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion, which carried, that the Tenth Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board, prepared by Dr. Finck, be accepted with thanks and appreciation by the Board.

Mr. Christian suggested that an attempt be made to have it run serially in the Independent or the Times. He commended the report. It was also suggested that the Director write a note of thanks to Mr. Flanagan for his review and help on the report.

There was a discussion of the problem of millage and tax returns in connection with the current year's budget. Concern was expressed by some members of the Board that acceptance of the millage assigned might present difficulties in the future and that, whereas the act establishing the Juvenile Welfare Board called for one-third of a mill in taxes, only .28 mills was listed by the County Commissioners for collection. After some discussion it was agreed that the budget in the future should continue to be based on the one-third mill as the law provides.

It was suggested that the Board look into the act passed in the last legislative session having to do with obscene literature and lend its support to efforts to eliminate this kind of material from newsstands, stores, and other places. Mr. Jenkins called attention to a meeting that is being held on January 23, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church-By-The-Sea where a nationally prominent speaker will discuss this whole program.

The activities reports for October, November, and December were reviewed and accepted.

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Secretary