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PRESENT: The Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mr. Floyd Christian; and Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Executive Secretary, Pinellas County License Board.

The minutes of the May 7 meeting were approved as distributed to the membership of the Board.

MOTION
Expenditures

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which passed, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #6198 and #6199, dated May 7, 1959; #6200 through #6231, dated May 15, 1959; #6232 through #6260, dated May 28, 1959; #6261 dated June 4, 1959; #6262 through #6285 dated June 15, 1959; and #6286 through #6318 dated June 30, 1959.

The financial statements for the months of May and June were reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the reports of children in foster care for the months of April and May 1959.

MOTION
Payment of expenses
for adoption of
Leslie Ann Latham

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which passed, that the Board approve the necessary advertising and legal expenses for the adoption of Leslie Ann Latham.

MOTION
Expenditures for
John Broadnax at
the Brown Schools

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board pay the necessary expenses for John Broadnax at the Brown Schools, Austin, Texas, up to the time when he reaches his 17th birthday.

Dr. Finck reported on the case of Bobby Hames, a child formerly in foster care, about whom Mr. John Locke of the County Welfare Board had spoken to the Juvenile Welfare Board at the May Meeting. Dr. Finck reported that arrangements had been made for the commitment of Bobby Hames to the State Hospital as a psychotic child.

Mrs. Holland accepted the unanimous designation of the Board members present to be the Board's delegate to the Community Welfare Council, together with Dr. Finck.

MOTION
RE appointment of
Board members

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to write to Mr. Richard Sample, Chairman of Governor Collins' Committee, requesting Mr. Sample to ask Governor Collins to reappoint to the Juvenile Welfare Board Mrs. Baya Harrison and Mrs. H. W. Holland whose terms had expired in February.

Dr. Finck announced that Dr. Charles Spital had resigned as Marriage and Family Counselor on May 31st and had entered private practice as a clinical psychologist in St. Petersburg.
Mr. Christian moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, that foster care for Fred Hames be continued beyond his 17th birthday so long as he was continuing to make satisfactory progress in school. Dr. Finck reported that Mr. Christian had arranged for the schools to waive the fees for Fred to attend the summer session.

Dr. Finck announced that Marriage Counseling Seminar for ministers of Greater St. Petersburg had been arranged through the United Churches and the Ministerial Association. The rev. Henry Tuttle has made all the necessary arrangements for the seminar which is scheduled to start on September 10, 1959, and run for ten consecutive Thursdays.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to pay from the Trust Fund the sum of $50.00 for the Miller children in order that they might attend summer day camp. This money had been contributed by the Pinellas Fund for Needy Children.

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to pay from Trust Funds the sum of $34.00 for summer camp for the Cummings children.

Dr. Finck announced that $15,000 of the $25,000 in United States Treasury Notes which matured June 22, 1959, had been reinvested in 90 day Treasury Notes at an interest rate of 3.10 per cent.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried, that Dr. Finck be authorized to invest any surplus funds in United States Treasury Notes or in time deposits as he saw fit.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which passed, to instruct Dr. Finck to take at least one-half of his accumulated vacation leave during this year and to permit him to carry over the remaining half (or 12 days) into next year.

The activities reports were reviewed and filed.

Miss Ruth Jefferson, Executive Secretary of the License Board, reported on the work of the Staff and Executive Committee and Board during the past year. She gave many interesting examples of the ways in which it had been possible to improve the quality of care for preschool children in Pinellas County.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Thursday, September 3rd, 1959.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary