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Meeting in Clearwater

February 4, 1960

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; and County Commissioner R. Hosey Wick. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

The minutes of the January 7th meeting were directed to be filed as distributed.

MOTION Expenditures

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Wick seconded a motion which passed, to approve the expenditures as listed:
Check #6673 through #6706 dated January 15, 1960;
check #6707 through #6733 dated January 29, 1960; and
check #78 from the Trustee Account, dated January 29, 1960, and charged to the Ministerial Association.

The financial statements for the month of January were reviewed by the Board. In discussing the report of children in foster care for December 1959, Dr. Finck referred to a report of the Duke Endowment on 53 child care institutions of North and South Carolina. In this report for the year 1958, the average cost per child per month was $111.33, or just about twice as much as the cost of children in foster care in Pinellas County. In addition the Duke Endowment reported that the average cost per child per year in four child placing agencies in North and South Carolina was $142.35 per month. These figures are offered for the purpose of comparison.

Dr. Finck reported to the Board on local, state and national plans for the White House Conference on Children and Youth to be held March 27 through April 2nd, 1960. The form of the national meetings was explained together with the assemblies, forums, and workshops for the 7,000 state, national, and international delegates, both adult and youth, who will be attending. The State's plans and preparations for this conference were also discussed: the previous meetings on August 18th and October 1st and 2nd, 1959, and the Little White House Conference on March 7th and 8th which will be addressed by Governor Collins. In addition to the state and national plans, the Community Forum on Youth to be held in St. Petersburg on March 9, 1960, was explained to the Board. The importance of local participation and interpretation, not only during the planning period for the White House Conference, but also as follow-up to it was stressed. There will also be meetings reporting on the White House Conference to be held in connection with Florida Conference of Social Welfare on April 27, 1960, in St. Petersburg and at the Southern Association for Children Under Six to be held in Miami, April 23 to 25, 1960.

The Director announced that Mrs. Strickland's term of office would expire in October of 1960.

MOTION Approval of expenses for Mrs. Dame to attend the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, Columbus, Ohio, April 4-6, 1960.

Mr. Wick moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which passed, to approve the payment of expenses for Mrs. Dame to attend the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family in Columbus, Ohio, April 4-6, 1960. Judge Parks voted against this motion.

Dr. Finck again drew the attention of the Board to the fact that Mr. Smith's initial salary of $7,000.00 would be in excess of the $6,300.00 which Mrs. Dame now receives for the same position.
MOTION
To increase Mrs. Dame's salary from $6,300.00 to $7,000.00

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Wick seconded a motion which passed, to increase Mrs. Dame's salary from $6,300.00 a year to $7,000.00 a year effective February 15, 1960. Judge Parks voted against this motion.

Dr. Finck announced that at the Florida Conference of Social Welfare on April 29, 1960, there would be a section meeting on marital and premarital counseling. There would be a panel composed of persons who deal with these kinds of problems in a professional way, and a general discussion of similarities in their approaches. For the afternoon session on this same day, there will be a film and a subsequent discussion by the panel members and the audience.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been requested to present the Juvenile Welfare Board's services to children at the meeting of the Municipal Youth Commissions in Washington, D. C., March 25, 1960. This is a meeting being held in advance of the White House Conference for children.

The activities reports were reviewed. Mrs. Holland suggested that a letter be written to the Florida Children's Commission commenting on an article in the December issue of Florida's Children. This article was based on a discussion of the need for day care standards by Juvenile Judge O. D. Howell, Jr., of Hillsborough County. It was suggested that we write to the Children's Commission and offer to submit an article dealing with the experience of our License Board with the problems outlined in this article.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Thursday, March 3, at 9:30.

Kathleen Strickland
Secretary