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PRESENT
The Rev. Mr. Robert H. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Mrs. H. W. Holland, Commissioner Evan R. Jenkins, Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Fred Ward, Jr., Director Southern Office, National Probation and Parole Association; Dr. Herbert D. Williams, Mr. Charles Keeler, Executive Secretary, Community Welfare Council.

The minutes of the meeting on October 15, 1958, were approved by a motion made by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, and carried.

MOTION EXPENDITURES
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Jenkins seconded a motion which passed to approve the expenditure listed on checks #5809 through #5868 under dates of October 30 and November 15, 1958. Dr. Finck reviewed the Financial Reports and the report on children in foster care for the month of October, 1958.

MOTION AGREEMENT WITH SDPW
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Jenkins seconded a motion which passed, to approve the agreement on foster care between the State Department of Public Welfare and the Juvenile Welfare Board for the year ending September 30, 1959. It was suggested that the Child Welfare Unit supervisor attend either the December or January meeting of the Board.

MOTION EXPENSES FOR DR. FINCK
Mr. Jenkins moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion which passed, to approve the payment of expenses for Dr. Finck to attend the Children's Commission-Nemours Foundation Conference in Gainesville, December 7-9.

Dr. Finck reported on the marriage counseling program and the work of Dr. Spital. The Rev. Mr. Coleman reported on the marriage counseling seminar led by Dr. Finck for the ministers of the Upper County.

Dr. Williams was welcomed by the Board and reported on the study the Children's Commission had made of corporal punishment at the State Training Schools and at county detention homes.

Mr. Keeler told of the concern about a school for "emotionally disturbed children" that was being started in St. Petersburg, and it was suggested that he confer with Dr. Finck about this situation.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. Fred Ward of the National Probation and Parole Association. Mr. Ward was brought to the County by the Juvenile Welfare Board to confer with the committee appointed by Judge Parks to study problems of the detention of children. Mr. Ward reviewed the impressions he had gained from the interviews with the Juvenile Court, the St. Petersburg Police, the Child Welfare Unit, and the committee. He stressed
the needs of children in relation to improved police services, Juvenile Court probation
and counseling, and to future plans for a detention facility.

MOTION
POLICE AND
JUVENILE COURT
STAFF

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a
motion which passed, that the Director be instructed to
write to Chief Purdy that the Board supported his request
for additional police staff to work with children and to write
to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the need
for additional, trained staff for the Juvenile Court.
Individual Board members also expressed a desire to make personal
contacts to support the purpose of this motion.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting
of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on December 18, 1958.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary.