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Meeting in Clearwater

April 6, 1964

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mr. Don Rademacher, Technical Consultant, National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

MOTION Approval of Minutes of March 5 meeting
Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the March 5 meeting.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for March
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for March: Checks #9113 through #9132; and Trust Fund expenditures as authorized previously.

MOTION Approval of Salary Checks for April
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks and other expenditures on condition of satisfactory completion of service for the payroll period ending April 30, 1964.

The financial reports for March were discussed by the Board. The report of children in foster care for the month of February was explained by Dr. Finck.

MOTION Approval of Salary Change for Miss Linda Graham
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve a one step salary advancement for Miss Linda Graham, effective April 1964, from $360 to $380 per month.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for the Staff
Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the necessary expenditures for the staff to attend the State Conference of Social Welfare in Tampa, April 15 through 17.

Judge Patterson appointed Mrs. Holland and Mr. Christian to serve as a budget committee to prepare a report for the Board's next meeting on May 7.

Dr. Finck reported that he had been considering a number of other possibilities for the offices of the Board, and that there were two possible sites in the Central Plaza area which he was considering. He requested Board approval to choose between these two addresses for new quarters.

MOTION Approval of Lease
Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to use his discretion in signing a lease up to three years for new quarters at a rental approximately equivalent to that currently being paid the Board of County Commissioners.

Dr. Finck stated that there would be additional amounts required in the future because of this move: the expenses of moving, possible additional expenses for telephone, janitor service, etc.

Judge Patterson asked Dr. Finck to consult with Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Harrison about a nomination by the Juvenile Welfare Board for the Community Welfare Council award.
Authorization of Payment to the Juvenile Court

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, which authorized the payment of funds ending September 30 in order that the Juvenile Court could secure personnel to carry out the recommendations of the NOCD Survey. The amount authorized would not exceed $21,000 in salaries for four counselors.

Mr. Don Rademacher of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency presented the first part of the survey which he had conducted. He outlined the necessary steps in the organization of the Court and the additional sums necessary to provide adequate salaries and to increase the present staff of counselors from 10 to 27 over a three year period. The Juvenile Welfare Board would be asked to furnish funds to the State Department of Public Welfare so that all dependency cases might be cared for through that agency rather than through the Court. It was estimated that an additional three workers would be needed, plus seven child welfare workers, two supervisors, and an intake worker, or a total of thirteen. The Pinellas County Schools would be asked to increase the number of school social workers to thirty-two. It was Mr. Rademacher's opinion that, with adequately staffed court, welfare, and school services, the incidence of juvenile delinquency in Pinellas County could be adequately controlled.

Mr. W. Alfred Winn appeared before the Board to present the plans of seven of the ten Optimists Clubs in the County for a Boys Town. He outlined a cottage type of facility with two cottage parents and six children. The estimated cost of these buildings would be $15,000 each. Mr. Winn did not have any figures on the cost of operation and staffing of these facilities, and consequently the Board took the following action:

Tabling of Request from Optimist Club

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to table the request of the Optimist Club for approval by the Juvenile Welfare Board of their Boys Town project.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, May 7, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Marie Sakkis
Secretary