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The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board met at 9:30 A.M. in Clearwater on January 27, with the following members present: Mrs. Holland, Chairman, Miss Phillips, Judge Marshall, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Christian and Mrs. Bartlett. Also meeting with the Board were Mr. Frank E. Theison and Mr. Burton Rogers of the State Beverage Department, Mr. Fuguitt and Director Williams.

The minutes of January 10 were read and approved. Mr. Christian suggested the secretary discontinue reading the minutes at the meetings, but send copies to members instead.

**Motion:** Bills amounting to $4060.49 were presented. Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that they be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Miss Phillips moved that the Board take a membership in the Florida State Conference of Social Work, the fee being $10.00 for both the Board and the Juvenile Court. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Belcher moved and Miss Phillips seconded that the Board pay Mrs. E. Livingston $10.00 for overtime work on the reports this past week end. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams spoke of the need for a mimeographing machine, so he was asked to report on the cost of new and used machines at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Board ask the City of St. Petersburg to extend the date planned for the razing of the Defense Building.

**Motion:** Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board take out Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all its employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams presented a request from Mrs. Carothers, executive secretary of the Children's Commission of Florida, for Dr. Williams to act as moderator on their program February 4-5 in Jacksonville.

**Motion:** Mr. Christian moved the Board authorize Dr. Williams at Conference to attend this conference with expenses paid. Mr. Belcher seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogero appeared before the Board and expressed his willingness to resign either February 1 or 15, which ever would fit best with the Board's plans.

**Motion:** Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board accept the resignation as of February 15. The motion was lost. Because of the fact that Mr. Rogero said he had made certain commitments for his new job and would not be able to work full time for the Board, some
of the members felt the resignation should be effective February 1. Mr. Christian moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board accept the resignation as of February 1. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Theison, in speaking about the reported sale of liquor to minors, expressed himself as being thoroly in sympathy with the Board's attitude and said that the state would revoke the licenses of offenders on a second conviction, under the same ownership. He stated that bar owners could be prosecuted on two counts: the sale of liquor to a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He felt that fathers and mothers must cooperate better, and that the public should let the court know it was not satisfied with a light verdict for offenders. Mr. Rogers stated that the most trouble had been at the beaches, and also at the Coliseum and Palais Royale in St. Petersburg, the no liquor is sold at the two latter places.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved that Mr. William Kaleel and Mr. Rex McDonald, owners of these two dance halls, be written a letter stating that this Board has heard of groups of minors drinking in these two places and would like the cooperation of the owners in stopping this practice. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams reported that the Child Welfare Unit had cared for 53 children from 33 families during the month of December. He also summarized a report of Mrs. Dame's for the year 1948, showing 201 cases handled, and a report of Miller Johnson's from April 1 to December 31, 1948, showing 370 cases handled.

Results of the Board's efforts were pointed out by Mrs. Holland in a recent report for this year from the Boys' Industrial School in Marianna, showing a drop in the ratio of boys sent there from this county from 1 in 7,000 population to 1 in 18,000.

Various phases of the new welfare amendments were discussed. Mrs. Bartlett suggested the Board's meeting with the County Commissioners at their next meeting, February 1, to present the revisions to them for discussion and approval before going before the legislators.

Mrs. Bartlett reported two meetings during the week with the Advisory Committees, the purpose being for the Director to discuss the Board's report for the year. Mrs. Richard, chairman of Central Pinellas area, asked for a revision of committee members to include only those persons interested in working on said committees, Mrs. Bartlett said.

The meeting was adjourned until February 10.