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The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County met February 10, 1949, with the following members present: Mrs. Holland, chairperson, Miss Phillips, Judge Marshall, Mr. Belcher and Mrs. Bartlett, also Dr. Williams, Director.

The minutes of January 27 were approved.

Mr. Olin L. Blakley of Safety Harbor applied in person for the position of assistant probation officer. He was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Motion: Bills amounting to $769.88 were presented. Mr. Belcher moved they be paid. Miss Phillips seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams reported that because of a ruling from the Internal Revenue Department that the manufacturer's tax would have to be paid on the Chevrolet car the Board was selling to Mr. Rogero, he had collected the tax from Mr. Rogero and would pay the amount to the McCutcheon-Chevrolet Co. of St. Petersburg.

Dr. Williams was asked to write letters to Interlock Club, League of Women Voters, the County Commissioners and the Democratic Women's Club asking them to write to their legislators for their support of the bill to increase facilities at the Farm Colony in Gainesville to take care of defectives. Dr. Williams said that six of the Board's beds in the county are now being used by defectives.

Dr. Williams reported that a request had come from the State Welfare Board asking the Board for its support of certain amendments to the 1937 Act, which was felt to be inadequate now.

Motion: Miss Phillips moved the Board go on record as approving State Welfare the legislative program of the State Welfare Board. Mr. Board Act Belcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bartlett asked the Board to study further its own request for legislative changes, especially on appointing rather than electing a juvenile judge.

It was suggested the Board ask the County to provide quarters for the Probation Department and the Board along with those furnished for the County Health Department when it becomes necessary to vacate the Defense Building.

Motion: Dr. Williams reported that he had investigated the cost of mimeographing machines and recommended one for $175.00. Mrs. Bartlett moved that Dr. Williams be authorized to purchase this machine. Miss Phillips seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Dame, Mrs. Bartlett moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board lend Theora Landness $46.40 for tuition, to be repaid in any manner acceptable to Mrs. Dame. The motion passed unanimously.
Judge Marshall reported on a meeting the past weekend in Orlando of the Legislative Committee of the Florida Parole and Probation Association, at which state wide services for counties not having juvenile officers were discussed. He further reported that he was chairman of the Program Committee for the National Conference of Juvenile Judges to be held in Miami, April 25-27.

Dr. Williams reported on the Children's Commission Conference that was held in Jacksonville, February 4-5, at which needs for handicapped children were discussed. He said that needs mentioned most were diagnostic clinics, custodial care for idiots and for spastics who are not teachable. It was strongly felt that these are a state responsibility.

Dr. Williams read copies of the letters to Mr. Kaleel and Mr. MacDonald that he was requested to write at the last meeting of the Board.

Judge Marshall spoke of the need for additional filing cabinets and a conference table for the Clearwater offices. Dr. Williams was instructed to look up prices.

Dr. Williams explained a tentative agreement between the Children's Service Bureau and #4 Welfare Board regarding the divisions and functions of each as to the differences between shelter and temporary care of children.

Dr. Williams presented an invitation from the U.S. Children's Bureau for him to attend a meeting in Washington on March 11 with expenses paid in connection with social services.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved and Miss Phillips seconded that this U.S. Children's request be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned until February 24.