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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - April 1, 1976

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; Judge Jack A. Page; and Chaplain Moses Stith. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman asked that Chaplain Stith open the meeting with prayer.

Judge Robert F. Michael was again welcomed as the second of the two Circuit Court Judges presently serving as Juvenile Judges and therefore the ninth member of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Ms. Karen Smith and Mr. Robert Coates from Wedding & Associates made a presentation to the Board concerning the interior decorating of the new office building.

MOTION Approval of Interior Furnishings
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the purchase of all interior finishes and furnishings at the lowest acceptable competitive bid as presented by Ms. Smith and Mr. Coates, with the exception of the plants and containers item on which additional information was requested.

MOTION Approval of Items Without Exception
Mrs. Holland moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:
A. Minutes: of March 4, 1976; telephone poll of March 12, 1976 (approval to set up the George H. Finck Memorial Fund for Children through the Juvenile Welfare Board, with administrative details to be worked out at a later date).

MOTION Approval of Resolution re: Memorial Fund
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to approve a resolution to hereby establish the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County - George H. Finck Memorial Fund for Children for the purpose of receiving donations made in honor of Dr. George H. Finck. These funds shall be kept separate from other Board funds and shall be disbursed as approved by further direction of the Juvenile Welfare Board upon recommendation of an Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Board. This fund will use the same bank signatures as the Juvenile Welfare Board, but will have a separate account number; however, it is understood and agreed that the tax identification number of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Florida sales tax exemption number shall apply to said fund.

MOTION Authorization of Advisory Committee for Memorial Fund
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to appoint an Advisory Committee made up of one Board member, one Administrative staff member, and Mrs. George H. Finck to make recommendations to the Juvenile Welfare Board as to distribution of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County - George H. Finck Memorial Fund for Children monies.

Mrs. Holland asked that Board members be notified two weeks before the planned memorial services for Dr. Finck on June 19, 1976 at Camp E-How-Kee.

Mr. Glackin reported on the meeting which he and Dr. Edwards had with the law firm of Alley and Alley. Dr. Edwards reported that they had been informed by Mr. John Edward Alley that another amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board statute had occurred in 1973.
and that he believed a complete review of the Juvenile Welfare Board composite law should be made by Mr. Glackin, the Juvenile Welfare Board attorney. The Board concurred.

**MOTION**

Approval of Lease

Mrs. Holland moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried for the administrative staff to enter into negotiations to sign a three year lease with an option to renew for two years at the same cost, or an agreement as close to this as possible, with the owner of the Clearwater office space.

**MOTION**

Approval of Bid for Work on Trees

Chaplain Stith moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried to accept the lowest bid for work on the trees at the new office building site as presented by Orange Blossom Lawns and Landscaping, subject to that company's having current certification for Workmen's Compensation and public liability in the amount of at least 100/300,000. This motion authorized the acceptance of the second lowest bid, made by Hamilton Tree Service, if the above conditions were not met by the lowest bidder. Mr. Markman will meet with Mr. Coates to insure comparability of all bids.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that of this date the change orders total $10,030. Of this amount approximately 38% is attributable to Juvenile Welfare Board initiated changes, 44% required by County regulations, and 18% due to architectural changes.

**MOTION**

Authorization to Approve Change Orders

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Chaplain Stith seconded a motion which carried to authorize the Executive Director to be the agent to approve change orders up to $25,000 (a raise of $10,000 over the previously authorized $15,000) over the base price of the building.

No additional information was available on the paving of 41st and 42nd Avenues.

Because of time limitations, the Board members were asked to review the Program Budgetary Report and the Financial statement on their own.

**MOTION**

Acceptance of Audit

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to accept and file the recent audit (through September 30, 1975) prepared by Hevia & Kenny, Certified Public Accountants, with the State, together with an explanation of any points raised by the firm. A more complete report on the audit will be made to the Board at the next Work Session.

**MOTION**

Approval of Nomination for Roscoe Pound Award

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve nominating the St. Petersburg Police Department Youth Services Section for the Roscoe Pound Award (Administration and Practice sphere). The motion included thanks to the Director of the Youth Services Section for his thoroughness in working with the youthful offenders.

Board members expressed their wish that the nomination of the Youth Services Section for the Roscoe Pound Award by the Juvenile Welfare Board be made known to the news media.

**MOTION**

Approval of Resolution for Mrs. Finck

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the untimely death of Dr. George H. Finck has deprived the children of Pinellas County of a faithful friend, protector, and servant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George H. Finck served the Juvenile Welfare Board as
Marriage and Family Counselor and Executive Director for over sixteen years, responsibly performing the duties of these positions with great dignity, leadership, and foresight in developing services to or in behalf of children; and

WHEREAS, the community of Pinellas County has experienced a healthier social environment as a result of Dr. Finck's guidance; and

WHEREAS, the community of child-serving agencies has lost a model for professionalism in human services; and

WHEREAS, his colleagues on the Juvenile Welfare Board will greatly miss his wise counsel and gentle cooperation;

NOW, THEREFORE, we members of the Juvenile Welfare Board hereby wish to express to Mrs. Finck and their children our profound sympathy for their great loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution passed by the Juvenile Welfare Board at their meeting on April 1, 1976 be inscribed in the minutes of this date, and a copy be presented to Mrs. Finck.

Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman
Judge Robert F. Michael

Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman
Judge Jack A. Page

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary
Dr. Gus Sakkis

Mrs. H. W. Holland
Chaplain Moses Stith

Commissioner G. Patrick Iley

The Board members expressed a desire to have the Resolution framed and presented to Mrs. Finck during a Board meeting in the near future.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the easement for Florida Power Corporation on the new office building property had been found to be in order, signed and returned.

There was a brief intermission before the Board reconvened to have Mr. Carl Meisner direct a discussion on the staff recommendations for 1976-77 funding. The Board asked that twelve agencies give short presentations on either April 22 or 29 as follow: Hotline, Big Brothers, Cheer-Land Day Care Center, Children's Home Society, Florence Nightingale Circle, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Girls Club of Pinellas County, Information and Referral, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Latchkey Task Force, Pinellas Alcohol Referral & Assistance and the Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services. Each agency is to be notified that strict time limits will be necessary, that the Board has had a summary of their program request, and that discussion should relate to the specific staff recommendations.

Board members expressed their interest in having Mr. John T. Herndon, District V Administrator of the Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services, invited to attend one of the meetings. They also wished some clarification of why monies budgeted for dental and medical purposes in the Social and Economic Services program had not been more fully utilized.

MOTION
Approval of PACER Grant Expansion

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the PACER grant's expansion of the New Parent Information Service. No funding from the Juvenile Welfare Board is involved in this motion.
Dr. Edwards noted the report of children in care and the activity reports.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be at 9:30 a.m. as follow:

April 22 - at JWB Conference Room  - Agency presentations.
April 29 - at JWB Conference Room  - Agency presentations.
May 6    - at Juvenile Detention Center - Board tentative decisions.
May 27   - at JWB Conference Room    - Review draft of 76-77 Budget.
June 3   - at Juvenile Detention Center - Final adoption of 76-77 Budget.

Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D.
Acting secretary as per minutes of May 6, 1976