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Mrs. Herman opened the meeting by asking Judge Michael to offer the morning prayer. Dr. Osanka acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Calvin D. Harris.

Mrs. Herman acknowledged and welcomed both the new Juvenile Welfare Board member, Mrs. Jo Ann T. Welch, and the new executive director, Dr. Frank Osanka.

Judge Page administered the oath of office to Mrs. Herman, who was recently reappointed to the Juvenile Welfare Board for a term of four years.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Allen seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 9, 1982; special meeting of August 19, 1982; regular meeting of September 2, 1982; public hearing of September 9, 1982; special meeting of September 9, 1982; and public hearing of September 16, 1982.

MOTION Election of Officers
Mrs. Byrkit nominated Mrs. Allen for chairman; Commissioner Todd nominated Mrs. Byrkit for vice chairman; and Mrs. Byrkit nominated Dr. Harris for secretary; all three of whom were elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Herman turned over the gavel to Mrs. Allen.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that, while the Edwards litigation case is still set for trial in Federal Court in April of 1983, nothing of significance had occurred in this matter since the last regular meeting of the Board. He also updated the Board on recent developments with mental health services.

Mr. Smiljanich updated the Board on his findings regarding insurance coverage for the Board in instances such as the Edwards litigation and reported that there is presently no insurance coverage for actions of the Board in their official capacity - there is insurance for people being injured on the premises, etc.

MOTION Insurance for Board Members
Judge Page moved, and Commissioner Todd seconded a motion which carried to instruct the Board Director to make inquiry and get bids to see how expensive insurance would be to cover the Board members and to present the information at the next meeting so that the Board could vote with knowledge of what it is going to cost.

The Board, Mr. Smiljanich and representatives from the three agencies involved in autonomy planning (Mr. Bob Glenn, Coordinator of Marriage and
Family Counseling; Miss Ruth Jefferson, Director of the License Board; and Mrs. Ruth Glennie, Director of Project Playpen) discussed at length the autonomy question, including a recent letter from the Florida Division of Retirement and its implications.

Mrs. Herman reported that the Celebration Committee had met earlier this day to conclude arrangements for the 35th Anniversary Celebration on October 15, 1982.

Mrs. Elithia Stanfield, Coordinator of the Youth Services System Advisory Council, introduced Ms. Georgia Gaston, a member of the Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (AND) Committee and a Program Specialist for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, who gave the Board a brief synopsis of the tasks of the AND Committee and the District V Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

MOTION
Addition of Exempt Position

Mrs. Herman moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to correct an omission made in April 1982 and to have the Public Relations Specialist included in the list of exempt status employees.

RECOMMENDATION
Freeze on Exempt Salaries

The Board members unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Executive Personnel Committee to place a freeze on all exempt salaries to the level of September 30, 1982 until the reorganization shall take place - no later than late Spring 1983.

RECOMMENDATION
One-time Bonus

The Board members unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Executive Personnel Committee which had determined that Mr. Carl Meisner had done an exemplary job as Acting Executive Director. In recognition of his dedicated work on behalf of the Juvenile Welfare Board, the Committee recommended a one-time bonus of 4% of his base pay of $36,293, which will amount to $1,452.

The Board noted the personnel report for September 1982, and welcomed a new staff person in Project Playpen, Ms. Betty Walk, Intake Counselor.

MOTION
Inventory of Fixed Assets

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to increase the minimum value for capital outlay items to $100 and to remove all items of under $100 from the inventory list.

The Board discussed at length the Training Unit monthly update of planned activities. Ms. Paula Blessing, Assistant Training Consultant, was present to answer questions. Mrs. Allen suggested that, with the agreement of the Board, concerns which Board members expressed on certain aspects of the training program be given to Dr. Osanka with the thought that a report can come back with recommendations as to how best to deal with providing training for the community and yet address these concerns.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the reports on current investments, agency transfers in August and September, and a site audit at Pinellas Comprehensive Alcohol Services.

MOTION
Eckerd Camps

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to approve additional funding of up to $19,710 from contingency for two beds for girls at Eckerd Camps.
Mr. Meisner was instructed to come back to the Board by January 1983 with comprehensive information on treatment available for emotionally handicapped children, including state funds available for slots in Camelot and in Pinellas Young Peoples' Residential Treatment Homes.

**MOTION**

Girls Clubs of Pinellas County

Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried to allocate from contingency to Girls Clubs of Pinellas County up to $1,853.77 for October 1982 salaries for the James-town Center, the allocation to be reduced by the amount of award from the City of St. Petersburg for those same salaries.

**MOTION**

Center Against Spouse Abuse

Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried to allow the Center Against Spouse Abuse to change its 1982-83 staffing pattern to include a services coordinator position and eliminate the house administrator and social service aide positions. This change involved no additional funds.

The Board discussed at length the recommendation from staff that the Board waive certain general conditions in agreements between the Juvenile Welfare Board and funded agencies when that particular condition is not applicable. The Board suggested staff, after considering all stated concerns by Board members, develop a reasonable answer to agencies requesting this particular consideration.

Mrs. Allen asked for the minutes to reflect her resignation as president of Young Women's Residence as of September 18, 1982.

**MOTION**

Judge Page moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion which carried unanimously that all persons holding exempt positions shall submit their undated resignations to Dr. Osanka within five working days or be automatically terminated at that time; and that the director has the authority to accept any such resignations without further action of the board within a one year period from this date.

Board and staff were agreed that there was no need for an October 21, 1982 work session.

Mrs. Allen called attention to the narrative from the Acting Executive Director, which included the site visit schedule from October 1, 1982 through December 31, 1982.

Mr. Mike Schmidt (Research and Evaluation Consultant) and Mr. Barry Slaiman (Assistant Research and Evaluation Consultant) spoke briefly on the Social Indicator Report for the second quarter of 1982.

The Board noted the letter re nomination of the Ridgecrest Program for recognition, the media items, and the flyer on the Conference on Coordinated Planning.

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Slaiman commented briefly on the Performance Analysis Report.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings will be: October 22, 1982, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Legislative Workshop; November 4, 1982, 9:30 a.m. - regular mtg.