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Minutes of January 5, 1950

The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board held its regular meeting January 5 in Clearwater, at 9:45 a.m. Members present were Mrs. Holland, Judge Marshall, Supt. Christian, Mr. Belcher, Mrs. Bartlett, and Director Williams. Mr. Fuguitt, former member of the Board, was a visitor.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved the approval of expenditures amounting to \$1,601.55. Mrs. Bartlett seconded the motion and
Bills it was passed unanimously.

Judge Marshall initiated discussion on the activities report for the month. He reported that Christmas gifts for the boys in the Industrial School had been collected from the parents by Probation Officer Patrick; that he had been working with Mr. Patrick in follow-ups for the boys in probation; that Leonard Summers, negro probation officer, was assuming his duties well and had made a two day trip to Marianna with Mr. Patrick to work with the negro boys there.

Judge Marshall recommended that the Board furnish foster care for two special cases, Dorothy Doremus, and Betty Jo Fordham until plans could be made for them.

Motion: Mr. Belcher moved the Board accept Judge Marshall's Special cases recommendation in these cases for as long as he for foster care deemed necessary. Mrs. Bartlett seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Judge Marshall read a lease agreement between the Board and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pressley concerning the detention home for boys, wherein the advance payment of \$224.00 representing 14 months rental was to be made by the Board for the remodeling of the home.

MOTION: Judge Marshall moved that this lease agreement be Pressley Lease approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman. Agreement Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Dr. Williams reported that 43 inquiries had been received from the notice placed in the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST for a psychologist.

Motion: Mr. Christain moved that Dr. Williams cull the list Psycholgist to at least one or two and to see if they would come for an interview, preferable at no expense to the Board; but expenses paid if necessary. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Williams asked Mr. Christian's assistance in doing this.

Dr. Williams reported that the Preventive Project was being started by Mrs. Dame; that her field-work student from Tallahassee was here and being orientated. Mr. Christian offered to write a letter of information to the schools where Mrs. Dame was working.

Mrs. Holland reported on her attendance at the Child Guidance Clinic's regular meeting. She felt that more interpretation to them from the Board was necessary concerning the Preventive Project, since the Clinic felt the Board was encroaching in their field. Judge Marshall as the Board's representative, said he would arrange a joint meeting for a better understanding.

Dr. Williams reported (1) that he had some applications for the position of social worker, (2) that the agreements with the Junior League and the Children's Service Bureau had been signed and returned; (3) that the Board was sponsoring meetings in adoptions January 10 in Clearwater and St. Petersburg with representatives from the Bar and Medical Associations, the hospitals and the social agencies. Methods now being used would be discussed with a view of improving them.

The meeting adjourned till January 26.

Marguerite Blocher Bartlett

Secretary