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Meeting of March 25, 1954

Held in Clearwater

Present: Mrs. Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. Jackson; Mrs. Holland; Mrs. Strickland; Mr. Christian; and the Director, Dr. Herbert D. Williams; also present as visitors were Miss Foster of Peace Memorial Church Women's Circle, and Charles O. Parks, Jr., Republican candidate for Juvenile Judge.

Mrs. Strickland was appointed Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Mr. Parry. Mr. Parry was attending the State Convention of County Commissioners at Daytona Beach.

The Minutes of the February 25, 1954 Meeting were read and approved as read.

Motion: Mrs. Jackson moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion that
Expenditures expenditures as covered by checks #3456 through #3493 in the General Operating Account and checks #450 through 455 in the In-School Counseling Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The Director discussed the financial reports for February, and pointed out that the Board was still within its appropriations on all items.

There was a discussion of the report of the number of children in foster home care for February. The Director had already pointed out that the check for the Child Welfare Unit was for \$3,000 at the end of March instead of \$2,000 which was the amount given previously, and that the 72 children in foster home care represent a load in excess of the average budget. He described the efforts being made to reduce the number being accepted for and continuing in care.

A letter from the Children's Service Bureau notifying the Juvenile Welfare Board that Kathy "D" had been accepted by the Florida Children's Home Society as of March 20 was read and ordered filed.

The Director told of efforts being made by Mrs. Terrill of the Juvenile Welfare Board staff to find additional foster homes, and of the need for increasing the number of subsidized detention shelter homes from 4 to 8.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Holland seconded the motion that
Detention the number of subsidized detention shelter homes be increased
Shelter Homes from 4 to 8 and that the subsidy rate be changed to an amount not to exceed \$10 per bed per month. The motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Christian moved and Mrs. Jackson seconded a motion that
Mrs. Terrill's Mrs. Louise Terrill be authorized to attend the Child Welfare
attendance at League institute in Jacksonville with expenses paid. The
meeting motion carried.

Motion: Mrs. Holland moved and Mr. Christian seconded a motion that
Dr. Williams' Dr. Williams, the Director, be authorized to attend the
attendance National Forum of Social Work to be held in Atlantic City May
Meeting 9 through 14, with expenses paid. The motion carried.

The Director called attention to an article in the News Bulletin of the Florida Children's Commission making comparisons in delinquency rates in Polk County and

Pinellas County; also another item on the Juvenile Welfare Board's objectives for the coming year.

A letter from Judge Gardiner to the Chairman, Mrs. Harrison, regarding dependent children funds was read and ordered filed.

The Juvenile Court reports for January were read and discussed as were the activities reports for February from the Director, the Child Welfare Unit, and the Children's Service Bureau.

Policies and rules governing Day Nurseries and Foster Boarding Homes and forms were distributed to the Board members.

Miss Foster of the Peace Memorial Church Women's Circle indicated after the meeting that her Circle might be interested in raising funds for Homemaker Service in certain needy cases. The offer of help was gratefully received by the Board.

Mr. Parks discussed with members of the Board some of the Juvenile Court problems and needs as the Board members saw them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on the second Thursday in April, April 8, 1954.

Kathleen E. Strickland
Secretary Pro Tem

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