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Meeting of January 17, 1957

Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: Mrs. H. W. Holland, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Reverend Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mr. Evan R. Jenkins; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; also present Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson, former member and chairman of the Board, Dr. Herbert D. Williams, Director, Mrs. Wyatt Dame, member of the marriage and family counseling staff, and members of the press.

The minutes of the December 20, 1956 meeting were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Motion: Mrs. Harrison moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion, which
Expenditures carried, that expenditures as listed on checks #4736 through #4760 in the General Operating Account and check #54 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment.

The financial reports for December were reviewed by the Board and Dr. Williams reported that the financial condition of the Board was good, with no real deficits, but rather some surplus in each of the accounts, except for Homemaker Service. He explained that this was due to the irregularity in the demand for such service and was not to be considered serious.

The number of children in foster care for December was given and the cost for such care, together with the collections from parents and relatives, both by the agencies concerned and the juvenile court, were given in a report which was submitted. According to this report, there were 81 children in care during the month for a total of 2,378 days, at a total cost of \$5,144.22. The collections indicated above amounted to \$1,015.93, leaving the net cost to the Board of \$4,128.29. This represented a cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board of \$50.97 for the month of December for each child in care. It was suggested that a report of the total cost per child be given as well as the actual cost to the Board.

A request from the Board of County Commissioners for approval of their agreement to support federal social security benefits for county employees was presented and described by Mr. Jenkins and by the Director, Dr. Williams. After discussion:

Motion: Mrs. Strickland moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion that
Approval of support the Juvenile Welfare Board approve the resolution of the Board
of a resolution for of County Commissioners and agree to cooperate with that Board
securing social in making available to the employees of the Juvenile Welfare
security benefits Board social security benefits as described in the resolution
for county employ- of the Board of County Commissioners. The motion carried.
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The Director reported that in compliance with the Board's authorization he had transferred \$35,000 from the general checking account in the Clearwater Bank to a savings account in the First National Bank of St. Petersburg.

Mr. Jenkins, as newly appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, replaced Mr. Charles R. Fischer as a member of the Juvenile Welfare Board at this meeting.

Judge Parks reported on the activities of the Juvenile Court during the month of December, which indicated a total of 94 official and unofficial hearings and unofficial handling of delinquency cases during the month, with a total of

6 dependency cases heard. The Judge also reported that he had seen no evidence of real gang activity on the part of the juveniles of the county.

Mrs. Dame gave a very interesting report on the marriage and family counseling work which is being done by the Juvenile Welfare Board and indicated that most of the marital problems which come to the attention of the Board and in which children are also involved, are brought about by immaturity, fear, need to control, and inability to practice a real partnership in marriage. She gave some interesting illustrations of what happens, what can be done, and the results of the work of the Board in this field.

It was agreed that an effort would be made to find a regular meeting place and Mr. Jenkins reported that the Commissioner's room can be used on the third Thursday if that is necessary, but it was decided that the school board room in the Administration Building of the School Board was preferable and a request would be made for the regular use of that room for meetings of the Board on the third Thursday of the month.

Motion: Mrs. Harrison moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion that a letter be sent to Mr. Fischer expressing the appreciation of Board for his services as a member of the Board during the time he has been Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The motion carried.

Letter to
Mr. Fischer

Mrs. Holland thanked Reverend Coleman for the use of the church as a meeting place.

The activities reports for December and preceding months for the Juvenile Welfare Board, Children's Service Bureau, Child Guidance Clinic, and the Child Welfare Unit of the State Department of Public Welfare were reviewed briefly by the Director.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Kathleen E. Strickland
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Secretary