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Meeting of May 16, 1957

Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: Mrs. H. W. Holland, Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Reverend Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mr. Evan R. Jenkins; also present, Mrs. Mildred Mount, Supervisor of Child Welfare Unit and Dr. George H. Finck, Marriage and Family Counselor.

The minutes of the April 18, 1957 meeting were approved as sent to the membership by mail.

Motion: Mr. Jenkins moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion that
Expenditures the expenditures for April 30 and May 15, 1957 on checks #4904 through #4955 in the General Operating Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The financial reports for April, the report on children in foster care for April, and the activities reports of the Juvenile Welfare Board for April, the Children's Service Bureau for March, the Child Guidance Clinic for April, and the Child Welfare Unit for January, February, and March were received by the Board.

Mr. Jenkins announced that future meetings of the Board would be held in the County Commissioners' room on the first floor.

Mrs. Mount reported on the children in foster care with the Child Welfare Unit and supported by the Juvenile Welfare Board funds. A total of 165 children are under care at a net monthly cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board of \$3,640.08. She described the changes in staff personnel and plans for an up-county office. The programs supported by State and Federal funds were explained. All the programs for the care of children are increasing in number and expenditures are accordingly greater because of the rapid growth of Pinellas County.

Motion: Mrs. Mount described the emergency boarding home arrange-
Board for ments necessary for Linda Sue Wohnsen, an emotionally
Linda Sue Wohnsen disturbed child. Reverend Coleman moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion, which carried, that the Board approve special board payments for Linda Sue Wohnsen in the amount of \$25.00 a week.

Motion: Mrs. Mount presented a report from Bellefaire, a treat-
Continued board ment center for emotionally disturbed children, on
payments for Victor Swidler. Judge Parks moved and Reverend Coleman
Victor Swidler seconded a motion, which carried, that the Board continue boarding care for Victor in the amount of \$825 a year.

Mrs. Mount satisfactorily reported on the question of parental responsibility for the Grimes children. Mr. Grimes has not been located since 1954 and Mrs. Grimes will not be eligible for parole until July 1957.

Dr. Finck described the meetings of the American Association of Marriage Counselors and of the Groves Conference on Family Life at Michigan State University, East Lansing. Dr. Finck observed the program of family life education of the Clara Elizabeth Fund in Flint, Michigan and the marriage counseling program of the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit. He also reported on the Florida Conference of Social Welfare and on the program of the Committee on Family Life of which he is Chairman.

Judge Parks reported on the activities of the Juvenile Court and on the status of legislation in regard to the Juvenile Courts. He gave statistics for the month of April about the number of official and unofficial delinquent and dependent cases, together with other pertinent facts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the third Thursday in June, June 20, when the Board will meet in the County Commissioners' room of the Court House at 9:30 in the morning.

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Secretary