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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 1948

The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board met October 14, 1948, in Clearwater at 9:40 a.m. In the absence of Mrs. Holland, Mr. Belcher acted as chairman. Others present were Miss Phillips, Judge Marshall, Mrs. Bartlett, Director Williams, Chief Probation Officer Al Rogero, and representatives of the Child Guidance Clinic.

The minutes of September 30 were read and approved.

Bills amounting to \$1880.38 were presented. It was moved by Miss
MOTION: Phillips and seconded by Judge Marshall that these bills
Bills be paid. The motion passed unanimously. It was shown that the amount given the State Welfare Board by the Juvenile Welfare Board depends upon the amount spent each month by the State Board since the Juvenile Board keeps the balance up to \$1500.00 each month per agreement.

Mr. Rogero reported that since he could not approve the Tarpon Springs home for Alex Zumberis, he had instructed the uncle to take the child to the Duvall Home in Satsuma, Florida. The extra \$5.00 per month was paid by the uncle for the first month, since the Board had authorized \$70.00. Judge Marshall moved the Board approve Mr. Rogero's placing of the child in this home for two months. Mrs. Bartlett seconded and the
MOTION: motion carried unanimously. Mr. Rogero was asked to con-
Alex Zumberis tinue his efforts to get the child in the Home for Fee-ble-minded in Gainesville. Mr. Rogero suggested this Board take the initiative in starting a movement to enlarge the Gainesville Home to the capacity needed now.

Judge Marshall reported on the Fischman case, saying that Mrs. Fischman had improved her attitude and would soon have a job in a tearoom. He asked the Board to pay for two additional weeks for the two children with the Children's Service Bureau. He moved this be done. Mrs.
MOTION: Bartlett seconded the motion and it was carried unon-
Fischman imously.

Dr. Williams in reporting on the Johnson^{case,} said that the relative's home in South Carolina had been approved and that Miller Johnson had taken the children there over the weekend and had settled them there, at a cost of \$40.00.

Mr. Rogero reported on the Rolfe case, saying it was his understanding that Judge White had issued an order for Mr. McClure, attorney for the Rolfe girls, to pay \$10.00 a week for each girl's board to the Children's Service Bureau. He was asked to verify this.

Dr. Penningroth, Dr. Haney, Dr. Helen Williams, Mrs. McGehee and Mr. Schleman, as representatives of the Child Guidance Clinic, gave the Board a picture of the work done by the Clinic from February to October 1948. Dr. Penningroth, as spokesman, presented a most interesting report, showing 141 cases opened in St. Petersburg and 35 in Clearwater, with 45 cases carried over from the past year. Referrals had come from parents, teachers and the Juvenile Court, showing a wide variety of complaints and types. He was hopeful of preventive programs in parent education which would enable the parent to deal more successfully with problems.

Dr. Penningroth presented the Clinic's estimated budget for next year

as \$21,500.00 and asked this Board for \$6,000.00 or more of this amount. Judge Marshall moved the Board allocate \$6,000.00 for the year towards the operating expenses of the Child Guidance Clinic. Miss Phillips seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bartlett complimented Dr. Penningroth on presenting such an interesting report, a copy of which, with the Clinic's financial report, is filed with these minutes.

Mr. Rogero's agreement concerning the repayment plan on the Chevrolet car purchased by him was approved.

Dr. Williams read a letter from the Motherette Club stating that their members were starting a drive to provide good, selected moving picture shows for children, and asking for the cooperation of this Board. Mrs. Bartlett moved that the Board commend the Motherette Club for its efforts to develop such an educational program in picture shows for children. Judge Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams presented a request from Florida State University to use Mrs. Dame as Field Work Supervisor and a request from Mrs. Dame that she be granted sufficient time to do so. Judge Marshall said he felt this request was a compliment to the Board and moved its approval. Miss Phillips seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Action was then taken on the Juvenile Home. Judge Marshall moved the operation of the Cowell Home be discontinued as of October 13, and a letter be written to Mr. and Mrs. Cowell expressing regret and hope for their continued interest and cooperation on the youth program in the county. Miss Phillips seconded. Mrs. Bartlett had asked for a roll call vote at the last meeting, so a letter from Mrs. Holland was read, voting yes. Miss Phillips, Mr. Belcher, Judge Marshall voted yes. Mrs. Bartlett voted yes with regret. Judge White and Mr. Fugitt were not present, tho notified of the action to be taken. *see file "Cowell Home"*

A letter from Mrs. Twitty was read, expressing her thanks to the Board. It was the opinion of the Board that Mrs. Twitty had done a very satisfactory job while at the Home.

The meeting adjourned till October 28.

Marguerite Blodau Bartlett
Secretary