

**THE MR FOUNDATION OF TENNESSEE, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DATE: APRIL 5, 2003**  
**LOCATION: MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK, BURNS, TN**

President, Mike Drew, called the Board meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Directors present were: Rev Steve Wolf, State Chaplain; William G, Gunter, State Deputy; Michael R. Drew, President; Daniel Romer, PSD, Vice President/Drive Chairman; William L. Wicke, Treasurer/State Treasurer; William A. Sukel, PSD; Carlton L. Russell, William J. Maier, PSD; Harold W. Schaefgen, PFN; Richard L. Bevington, James Simpson, Marty O'Haver, State Secretary/Health Services Chairman.

Also present was: Gino Marchetti, General Counsel.

Absent Directors were both excused: C. Michael Horten, PSD/Secretary was attending his son's Eagle Scout awards ceremony and Michael Anderjack was home recuperating from a serious illness.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

William G, Gunter offered/led the opening prayer.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no corrections offered to the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Dan Romer and seconded by Carlton Russell to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2003 meeting as last mailed to all directors by Secretary Horten. Motioned carried.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Since Treasurer, Bill Wicke was not able to attend the last board meeting and thus did not present the year end financial reports of November 30, 2002, he did so today. Total income for the year was \$354,482. Expenditures were \$355,940. Excess of expenditures over income was \$1,455. Fund balance at the start of the year was \$477,615; at the end of the year it was \$475,927. Of the end of year balance \$58,629 was undistributed council balances. There was a short discussion about interest rates and par redemptions.

The amount of undistributed council balances on April 5, 2003 is about \$80,000. Motion to accept report made by Bill Maier and seconded by Richard Bevington. Motion carried.

## **DRIVE REPORT**

Through April 1, fifty-four councils have turned in \$208,882,78. Through the same date last year fifty-three councils had turned in \$177,542.59. (Eventually sixty-eight councils turned in \$226,750.35.)

Thirty-seven councils exceeded last year and thus fulfilled that qualification for the Bishops" Award. These councils exceeded their last year totals by \$33,785.44. In spite of this very positive fact, the previously anticipated total estimate of \$230,000 still seems to be a realistic final total; because the remaining twenty-six councils turned in \$22,906.97.last year.

Twelve councils have exceeded their previous best and 13157 Centerville - our second newest council – produced \$1,062 its first year.

Motion by Bill Maier and second by Marty O'Haver to approve the Drive Report. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Carry over grants**

Since chairman of the grants committee, Mike Horten was absent. Carlton Russell led the grant discussion.

1. A letter requesting \$5,000 for the development of five in-service programs (for teachers and other professionals) by Tom Stone, Nashville Parks Disability Program and The Court Jesters was read. It was noted that the Court Jesters organization had been changed so that it qualified for Foundation funds. The grant committee rejected the request for failure to be on the correct form and because it did not have council sponsorship.
2. Columbia council 7447 previously made a request for a group home, upon which the Board did not take action. There have been no further developments.
3. Grant 03-01, Council 7449 sponsored a \$5,000 grant for United Cerebral Palsy and its Special Cargo Hippotherapy Program. There was no recommendation from the grant committee but Carlton Russell moved for approval with a second by Bill Sukel. Motion carried.
4. Grant 03-09, Council 5062's request for a \$1,500 matching grant for the Memphis group home was denied under the \$1,500 limitation per group home policy.

**B. Grant Procedure Policy:** Chairman Maier reported no progress.

**C. Mentally Challenged/Mental Retardation** there was a motion by Carlton Russell. The MR Foundation Board of Directors shall adopt a people friendly word usage in all communications. Seconded by Harold Schaeffgen.  
Motion carried,

**D. Report on group homes**

- Newbern - Home is full, they are checking on refinancing
- Memphis – Home is full, they are still considering minor alterations to dining area and flagpole
- Morristown – Home is full with ten residents
- Cowen – Home is full with ten residents.
- Clarksville – Home has eight residents. Agency has ample funds.
- Gallatin – Marty will attend Home Board Meeting in April. Carlton says the Home Board has asked the city and county to waive the impact fees relevant to future development.
- Newbern – No report.
- Union City – No report.
- Nashville – Agency continues to operate at a deficit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New grants- None**

**B. Vehicle grants- None**

**C. Convention hospitality room**

BILL Wicke moved to have a hospitality room at the State Convention and fund it with \$500. Seconded by Bill Sukel. Motion carried. Proposed availability is Friday from 9 PM to 12 AM and Saturday after the banquet to 12 AM.

**D, Nomination of directors**

Seven nomination forms were submitted to the board for presentation and selection for the convention ballot. Three positions are to be filled. The nomination forms are for members from Tennessee. The nominees and the councils sponsoring them are: James Bowers, Council 3837; Michael R. Drew, Council 4312; Dr. Daniel Paul, Council 10743; Robert H. Rounsefell, Council 9317; William A. Sukel, Council 6992; Bill Wicke, Council 8781 and John Yatsko, Council 9754.

Bill Maier moved to present four names to the convention for the election of three of them to the board. Motion failed.

Bill Wicke moved to include five of the seven names submitted to the board on the ballot at the State Convention. Bill Gunter seconded motion. Motion carried.

The five names chosen by the board were Bill Wicke, Bill Sukel, Robert Rounsefell, Dr. Daniel Paul and Mike Drew.

Carlton Russell moved – For the Good of the MR Foundation of Tennessee, Inc. and full compliance with the adopted code of Ethics, that any Director seeking re-election that presently serves on any Board of Directors and/or in an advisory capacity with any organizations that are recipients of MR Foundation funds, reclude himself from seeking re-election at the Knights of Columbus State Council Convention or resign from the recipient organization. Motion seconded by Bill Sukel. Subsequently Carlton amended the motion to make it effective at the election in May 2004. Amendment seconded by Bill Sukel. Discussion by Simpson, Sukel and Drew followed. Gino Marchetti then explained conflict of interest. The motion failed.

**E. Other new business**

Bill Maier moved for the Foundation to buy a full-page ad in the Memphis Diocese Bishop's Open Program. Seconded by Bill Wicke. Motion carried.

Carlton Russell presented a list of contributions to the SHHI Building Reserve Account totaling \$62,827. Included in the total was the \$15,000 loan commitment from the MR Foundation Inc. The goal is \$70,000 and Carlton will soon be asking for a check.

Bill Maier moved that the Grant committee authority for approval of grants be increased to \$5,000 until the next Board Meeting in October. Seconded by Bill Gunter. Motion carried.

**F. Next meeting Montgomery Bell State Park, Saturday, October 25, 2003**

**Closing prayer**

**Adjourn**

**Submitted by Dan Romer, Vice President**