

**THE MR FOUNDATION OF TN, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**February 7, 2004**  
**Old Hickory, Tennessee**

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:40pm by Vice President Dan Romer PSD.

Directors present were: Rev. Steve Wolf, Chaplain, Richard Bevington, William J. Maier PSD, William Gunter State Deputy, Carlton Russell, Michael Anderjack, William Wicke, C. Michael Horten PSD, Health Service Chairman Marty O'Haver, Vice President Daniel Romer, PSD.

President Mike Drew and Direct Bill Sukel PSD were excused for personal medical issues.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was offered by Director Mike Anderjack.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Carlton Russell, second by Bill Maier to approve the minutes as published.  
Approved.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Wicke distributed four (4) documents to each director.

- A Statement of Income and Expenditures and Fund Balance Fiscal Year 2003: December 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. This report was revised January 2004 with the modifications noted in the auditor report.
- A Statement of Income and Expenditures and Fund Balance Fiscal Year 2002: December 1, 2001 to November 30, 2002 (restated – post audit)
- Statement of Income and Expenditures and Fund Balance Fiscal Year 2003 – December 1, 2002 to November 30, 2003.
- Undistributed Funds Recap for the prior 15 months (Dec 02 to Feb. 04)

Treasurer Wicke reported he is moving investments from Edward Jones Company to 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Bank when possible or when the notes are called. 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Bank, through its First Tennessee Brokerage arm, is working to purchase securities that are not callable for 3 years.

Director Horten asked if the item listed under Account Receivable is current and it is. Director Horten asked about the status of a working budget. The Board held a general discussion on the value of a budget. Treasurer Wicke will provide the Board with a 3 year report on Assets and Liabilities at the meeting in April 2004.

Motion by Director Russell, Second by Marty O'Haver to accept the report. Approved.

**DRIVE REPORT**

Drive Chairman Dan Romer reported as of January 29, 2004 he had received \$116,951 from 39 councils. He is expecting additional monies to come in and the Drive should be very successful.

The 2003 fund Drive reached the \$230,000 plateau and would increase with consideration of a \$5,000 amount from Council 9282 for the 2003 drive year.

Motion by Director Maier, Second by Bill Wicke to accept report. Approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HOME REPORTS**

Morristown – VP Romer report the home has 10 clients which is capacity. They will utilize vacation funds for an outing to Camp Discovery.

Cowan – Director Anderjack reported this home is in good shape and no issues.

Newbern – VP Romer received a report from President Mike Drew indicating the home was at full occupancy and had received a \$1,000 donation from Walmart.

Memphis – VP Romer reported everything is fine.

South Fulton – Director Maier had spoken with Bill Fenwick. There is no current need for funding but Mr. Fenwick informed Director Maier that replacement of furniture might be needed in the near future.

Clarksville – Director Anderjack reports the home is in need of repair. It appears the NE corner of the foundation slab has collapsed. Three (3) bids have been taken for the repair ranging from \$7,100 to \$17,000. There are 5 clients in the home. The area of the collapse is a vacant bedroom. Director Anderjack will have further information at the next meeting.

Sumner Special Housing – Health Services Chairman Marty O’Haver deferred to Director Russell for a home report. Director Russell informed the Board of the financial status of Sumner Special Housing (SSHI), the status of the current homes including the recent dedication of a home in Portland, Tennessee, minutes of the SSHI Board meeting November 3, 2003. (copy of the full report is attached to the permanent record). SSHI is utilizing 93% of its earnings to support the 10 current clients. Director Russell reported on the building of the recent home that was built for less than \$75,000 utilizing volunteer and penal labor.

New Horizon/Special Housing – In the absence of Director Simpson, Director Bevington reported a \$51,000 short fall was paid by New Horizon. The Home Board will repay New Horizon \$25,000 over the next 5 years. The home continues to be short of clients due to death or relocation by the State of Tennessee. The Home Board met with the new State of Tennessee Commissioner but expects limited support from the State. Director Bevington believes there are 800-900 people in Davidson County area that needs housing and other home agencies are being formed in the area. It appears that neighborhood homes are preferred.

## **GRANT REQUESTS**

Grants Chairman Mike Horten made the following report.

Grant MF 04-01 – From Council 7838 Dyersburg for KC Home of Newbern. The amount was \$600.00 and was approved for funding. No Board action required.

Grant Request 03-06 – From Council 12838 Jefferson City for Area 10 Special Olympics. The amount was \$2,500 and was approved by the committee within the guidelines established by the Board of Directors at the meeting October 2003. No Board action required.

Grant Request 04-01 – From Council 12633 – Lenoir City for Child Advocacy Center of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The grants committee researched the request. The money would be utilized to hire an Administrative Assistant. The Grants Committee motion was to reject this request. After discussion, the Board voted to reject the grant request.

Grant Request 04-02 – From Council 10743 Elizabethton for Small Miracles Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center Inc. This grant was received late and no research was made by the Grants Committee. The Board discussed this matter. A motion by Director Horten to approve matching funds during calendar year 2004 for distribution requests from Councils 4264, 6695, 6992 and 10743 based on receipts to the Foundation. Second by Director Wicke. Motion approved.

## **VEHICLE GRANTS**

Vehicle Chairman Bill Maier reported on the prior approved grants for H.A.T.S. and Patterson Training. Both requests were processed at a cost lower than the original grant application.

There were no new vehicle requests to consider.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINSS**

There was a motion by Mike Horten, second by Mike Anderjack to renew the policy making available “vacation” funds for clients and required chaperone from the Knights of Columbus group homes. The group home would continue to make the request and provide a report on how the funds were used. Motion approved.

Motion by Bill Wicke, second by Bill Gunter to place a full page advertisement in the Memphis Bishop’s Open Golf Tournament booklet. The cost is \$150.00. Vice President Romer noted the 2003 Foundation ad need to be modified to reflect the wording from “mentally retarded” to “persons with mental retardation”. Motion approved.

Motion by Bill Gunter SD, second by Bill Maier to place a full page advertisement in the Tennessee Knights of Columbus Convention book at a cost of \$120.00. Motion approved.

Vice President Romer asked Director Bill Wicke for the status for a proposed group home in the Knoxville area. Director Wicke reported it’s unlikely that a home will be constructed in the near future.

Vice President Romer informed the Board that Nomination Forms for the Election of Directors was distributed to each council at the mid year meeting. Directors whose terms are expiring are: Richard Bevington, Bill Maier, Carlton Russell and Harold Schaeffgen. All nomination forms

must be submitted to President Mike Drew no later than April 1, 2004. A nomination slate for directors will be formulated by the Board at the April 17, 2004 meeting.

Director Russell informed the Board that a member of Sumner Special Housing Inc. has made available a timeshare week at Tybee Island, GA for sale. For consideration to purchase this timeshare, the purchaser would donate \$500. to SSHI and the recipient would be required to pay a one-time fee of \$125. plus the continued annual fees of \$370. to the timeshare company. He asked if the Foundation or any Board member might be interested in this arrangement. Vice President Romer suggested that any member should investigate this option after the meeting with Carlton.

Motion by Bill Wicke, second by Bill Maier for the Foundation to pay expenses for the Foundation President and Drive Chairman to attend the Tennessee State Council annual convention in April 2004. Motion approved.

### **CHAPLAIN REPORT**

Fr. Steve Wolf expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors for their efforts to help persons with mental retardation. Fr. Wolf stated the efforts were "Matthew 25" in action.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The following people were remembered. Lorene Russell, Mike Anderjack, Jim and Sandy Simpson, Bill Sukel, Mike Drew, Gert Schaeffgen, Bob Rounsefell, Elmer Schiedhauer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held April 17, 2004 at Montgomery Bell State Park.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Wolf.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 2:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Horten PSD  
Secretary

Attachments