

**THE MR FOUNDATION OF TN, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 17, 2004**  
**Montgomery Bell State Park**  
**Burns, Tennessee**

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm by President Mike Drew.

Directors present were: Michael R Drew, Harold W. Schaeffgen, Richard Bevington, William J. Maier PSD, Carlton Russell, Michael Anderjack, Bill Sukel PSD, William Wicke, Jim Simpson, C. Michael Horten PSD, Health Services Chairman Marty O'Haver, General Counsel Gino Marchetti, Jr. and Drive Chairman Daniel Romer PSD. Chaplain Fr. Wolf was excused. Ed Wilson from the Clarksville group home was a guest.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was offered by Director Simpson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Marty O'Haver, second by Mike Anderjack to approve the minutes as presented.  
Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Wicke distributed financial documents to each director. There was a general discussion concerning investments with Edward Jones & Company. There was a question concerning 2 interest deposits made in 1999 that have not been credited to the account by the bank. Treasurer Wicke stated he has been in contact with the bank on several occasions. He has copies of the deposit slips. The bank in Knoxville had mailed the deposits to Memphis and Memphis can not confirm receipt. Dan Romer volunteered to help. He requested the Treasurer to provide a report on this activity with copies of the bank deposits. Dan will get this information into the hands of a First Tennessee Bank officer. The two deposits total \$781.25. The Treasurer was asked if a budget had been prepared, but it has not. Director Schaeffgen indicated the Miscellaneous Income listed on the form was not income but payment to reduce Accounts Receivable.

Motion by Director Maier, Second by Director Anderjack to accept the report. Motion passed.

**DRIVE REPORT**

Dan Romer reported through April 15, 2004, the Foundation had received \$201,460.80 from 56 councils. 30 councils had achieved better results than the previous year, and 10 council had reached all time highs. Dan noted that based on the previous year, the Drive results are approximately \$9,000 behind. A modest estimate for the final drive results would be \$230,000. Dan reported that 12 councils would receive plaques at this year's State Council Convention.

Motion by Director Maier, Second by Director Simpson to accept the report. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Horten reported on 3 matching funds request and 3 grants with special requests. The matching funds requests were sent to the Treasurer and paid in accordance with policy. The breakdown is as follows:

Matching Funds Grant – 04-03 from Council 616 for KC Home of Memphis - \$1,500.

Matching Funds Grant – 04-04 from Council 9132 for Sumner Special Housing - \$2,401.22.

Matching Funds Grant – 04-05 from Council 3431 for KC Home of Cowan - \$1,027.00

Grant 04-03 from Council 12012 for Pope John Paul II School - \$50,000 – There was no recommendation from the Grants Committee because the grant was received late. Mike Horten asked Gino Marchetti to provide the directors with background information concerning the grant request. This grant will be used for a new program at the high school for students with mental retardation that will incorporate them into the general student population. Motion by Director Russell to contribute \$5,000 to this effort. There was no second to this motion. Motion by Marty O’Haver, second by Mike Anderjack to provide \$50,000 for this program to be dispersed equally over a 3 year period. Motion passed.

Grant 04-04 from Councils 9132 & 10010 requesting the foundation to forgive the loan of \$15,000 to Sumner Special Housing. Mike Horten asked Director Carlton Russell to inform the directors of the purpose of this request. There was general discussion concerning the merits of this request. Motion by Director Simpson, second by Director Maier to deny the loan forgiveness at this time. Motion passed. Director Russell abstained from voting.

Grant 04-05 from Council 3537 Clarksville requesting \$18,000 for repairs to the group home. Mike Horten asked Ed Wilson and Director Mike Anderjack to address this request. Mr. Wilson distributed copies of quotes and evaluations concerning the damage to the group home. A geologist has reviewed the initial property and quotes and provided information of a possible sinkhole. The initial quote is \$10,500 for repairs to the home foundation but this does not consider if a sinkhole might be the cause of the problem. The group home has additional expenses of \$3,000 for expert reports. The group home is requesting funds to complete the repairs and the \$18,000 includes an estimate if a sinkhole exists. Mr. Wilson stated that any unused funding would be returned to the Foundation. Motion by Director Anderjack, second by Marty O’Haver to approve the grant for \$18,000 and any additional funding as required. During the discussion, Director Simpson stated what if the cost exceeds \$40,000? What is the cost estimate for core samples? The items were discussed in general. Director Schaeffgen suggests an amendment to the motion on the floor. He suggested that if additional monies were needed above the \$18,000, the request would be made to the grants committee for review and recommendation. Approval or denial would be made by the Executive Committee since the Board will not meet again until October 30, 2004. This amendment was acceptable to Directors Anderjack and O’Haver. Motion passed.

## **VEHICLE GRANTS**

Chairman Bill Maier reported on 2 grant requests.

Grant V-04-01 from Council 544 for New Horizons. The request is for a 15 passenger van. Chairman Maier is continuing to research this request and will report back at the next board meeting.

Grant V-04-02 from Council 12633 for Adult Community Training. The request is for \$5,200 for a used van. Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Wicke to approve request. Motion passed.

## **HOME REPORTS**

Memphis – No report

So. Fulton – No report

Newbern – Looking to receive vacation funds. All is well with the home.

Clarksville – The grant request should help make the necessary repairs to the home.

Cowan – All is good. Received matching funds and home currently has 10 clients.

Morristown – Home is 1 client short, but everything is well. No requests at this time.

Sumner Special Housing – 2003 has been a good year with the dedication of two new homes. A copy of the report was submitted for the permanent record of the minutes. The report included an annual report, Code of Ethics, Income Statement, Treasurer Summary, Balance Sheet, Liabilities and Equity report.

Special Housing (Nashville) – There has not been any change since the last board meeting. The home projects an operating loss of approximately \$15,000 this year. This is due to the low occupancy of the homes. Director Bevington added that he had met with State Senator Henry concerning this matter. Senator Henry wrote Middle Tennessee Director for Mental Retardation Kathleen Clinton. Ms. Clinton reported occupancy for home is driven by the clients. It is the State's goal to allow the clients the opportunity to choose where they want to live. Director Bevington suggested that home research the advantages of refinancing their mortgages.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR**

President Drew reported four (4) director terms were expiring this year. The directors are William Maier, PSD, Harold Schaeffgen, FM, Carlton Russell and Richard Bevington. President Drew reported receiving six (6) nominations for Foundation Director. Those nominated are William J. Maier, Daniel Romer, Raymond Alves, Richard Bevington, Carlton Russell and Thomas Beath. Motion by Director Wicke, second by Director Sukel to place all six (6) names on the ballot. Motion passed.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Health Services Chairman Marty O'Haver reported that the 2007 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention would be held in Nashville, Tennessee. This is a great opportunity for all Knights of Columbus activities to be in the spotlight. Director Schaeffgen noted the last Supreme Convention in Tennessee was 1942.

President Drew informed the board of concern from Victor Shahan of Council 3991 Tullahoma. Mr. Shahan has questioned why MR fund drive monies can not be deposited into the general council funds, instead of a separate account as required by MR Foundation guidelines. Director Anderjack has volunteered to work out this issue.

President Drew expressed appreciation from the Board to retiring Director Harold Schaeffgen. This is the second term that Director Schaeffgen has worked on the board in a variety of positions. Drive Chairman Dan Romer made a motion to recognized Director Schaeffgen's efforts by making Harold Schaeffgen a Director – Emeritus. The motion was seconded by Director Wicke. Motion passed.

Drive Chairman Romer observed from today's activities, the Foundation has approved grants (vehicle, matching funds and general grants) totaling approximately \$100,000. This would appear to limit any additional grant considerations for the balance of the year unless the Drive results improve.

## **STATE CONVENTION**

The 2004 Tennessee State Council Convention will be held in the greater Nashville area the weekend of April 23 through April 25, 2004. There are many activities planned with emphasis on youth and wives activities.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2004 at Montgomery Bell State Park.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

The closing prayer was offered by Director Schaeffgen.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Horten PSD  
Secretary

Attachments