

THE MR FOUNDATION OF TN, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 30, 2004
Montgomery Bell State Park
Burns, Tennessee

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by President Mike Drew.

Directors present were: Mike Drew, Bill Maier PSD, Carlton Russell, Michael Anderjack, Bill Sukel PSD, Health Service Chairman Bill Wicke, Jim Simpson, Mike Horten PSD, State Deputy Marty O'Haver, Bill Gunter PSD, Dan Romer PSD, Ray Alves, General Counsel Gino Marchetti, Jr. and Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen. Chaplain Fr. Breen was excused.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was offered by State Deputy O'Haver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bill Gunter, second by Mike Anderjack to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Wicke distributed financial documents to each director. The Statement of Income & Expenditures was for the period December 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004. The Treasurer reported he had not received the October bank statement to include in the report. Treasurer Wicke recapped the investments for the directors. The Council balance report was reviewed. Councils are continuing to utilize their funds.

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

DRIVE REPORT

Dan Romer reported on the Drive result for 2003-2004. The last receipt was in September and totaled slightly less than \$4,000 from 2 councils. 64 councils have collected \$220,776. There are 6 councils that are dormant, 10 have not participated to date. Councils leading the way for 2003/2004 were Farragut with \$13,900, Morristown with \$13,052, Nashville 544 with 12,525 and Crossville with \$10,324. Dan noted 2003/2004 drive was the 5th highest in drive history. The total contributions over the past 29 years have exceeded \$4,600,000. Major contributors have been Morristown - \$337,261, Farragut - \$300,319, Nashville 544 - \$296,145.

2004-2005 Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen reported \$2,150 has been received to date. There was a general discussion concerning Walmart grant opportunities. The general consensus is councils should request collection dates and store financial support in late January or early February each year. Director Anderjack suggested that councils build and maintain an ongoing relationship with businesses. Director Anderjack has been very successful with this format. Director Mike Horten suggested reviewing the website Igive.com as a solicitation option.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Drew reported on the election of directors at the State Convention. Elected were Ray Alves, Dan Romer, Bill Maier and Carlton Russell to a 3 year term. Director Russell proposed a Resolution of Appreciation to out going director Richard Bevington for his many years of service to the Board. The resolution was passed.

Vehicle Grant Chairman Bill Maier reported that Grant V04-01 requested by Council 544 for 2 vans remains open. The TDOT paperwork has not been received.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Bill Maier nominated Mike Drew for President, second by Bill Wicke. Mike Drew elected by acclamation.

Bill Wicke nominated Dan Romer for Vice-President, second by Bill Maier. Dan Romer elected by acclamation

Marty O'Haver nominated Mike Horten for Secretary, second by Bill Maier. Mike Horten elected by acclamation

Bill Maier nominated Bill Wicke for Treasurer, second by Ray Alves. Bill Wicke elected by acclamation

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Horten reported on 2 matching funds request and 5 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 – 04-06 from Council 6321 for KC Home of New Bern - \$500.

Matching Funds Grant – 04-07 from Council 544 for Special Housing - \$3,000.

Grant 04-06 from Council 8826 Collierville requested \$3,500 for Madonna Learning Center. The funds would be utilized to build a workshop for wood working skills. Grant was approved by the committee.

Grant 04-07 from Council 6099 requested \$1,000 for Area 4 Special Olympics. These funds were utilized to take Special Olympic participants to Atlanta for the US Open. Grant was approved by the committee.

Grant 04-08 from Council 3175 Oak Ridge for \$1,000. The money is for transportation, lodging and food for Merlin & Court Jesters to perform at St. Mary's Catholic Church fall festival. The grant was approved by the committee.

Grant 04-09 from Council 10622 Clinton for \$1,000. The money is for transportation, lodging and food for Merlin & Court Jesters to perform in Clinton, Tennessee in March 2005. Treasurer Wicke reported a recap of the funds utilized from Grant 04-08 had been received. All funding was fully utilized. Motion by Bill Gunter, second by SD O'Haver to approve. Motion passed.

Grant 04-10 from Council 10010 Gallatin for \$3,500 for Summer Special Housing. Director Russell was asked to give an overview of the project. The money will be used to construct a pavilion at the new group home to be utilized by residents and Summer County Special Olympic projects. Motion by Bill Wicke, second by Marty O'Haver to approve. Motion passed.

VEHICLE GRANTS

Chairman Bill Maier reported on 1 grant request.

Grant V-04-03 from Council 12633 for Tri County Center. The request is for a used van at a cost of \$7,285.00. Motion by Bill Maier, second by Bill Gunter to purchase the van. Motion passed.

MATCHING FUNDS, DIRECTOR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Mike Drew requested consideration to maintain Group Home Matching Funds and Director Mileage Allowance at the current levels. Motion by Bill Wicke, second by Mike Anderjack to continue Group Home Matching Funds at current levels. Motion passed. Motion by Dan Romer, second by Mike Anderjack to hold mileage allowance paid to directors at the current rate of \$0.22 per mile. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

President Mike Drew made the following appointments subject to the approval of the Board.

Chairman - Grants Committee – Mike Horten

Chairman – Vehicle Committee – Bill Maier

Motion by Bill Wicke, second by Marty O'Haver to approve appointments. Motion passed.

President Mike Drew appointed Hunter Nolen as State Drive Chairman. Board approved.

HOME REPORTS

Memphis – Mike Drew reported the home is in good condition. Youth Villages manages the home effectively and the home is being fully utilized.

So. Fulton – Bill Maier reported the home is 20 years old. There is a current concern over the condition of the kitchen and the need to replace cabinets. A grant request is being considered by the group home for these changes.

Newbern – The home is fully occupied and financially okay. There is a possibility that the home management group might be replaced.

Clarksville – Mike Anderjack reported the repairs to the home were extremely well done. The physical condition is okay. Mike stated the major concern with the home is the KC group letting the liability insurance lapse and seems to be at odds with the home management group. Bill Wicke reported the Clarksville home did return the unused funds from the grant request for home repairs.

Cowan – Mike Anderjack reported all is fine at the home. They would like to build a shelter for smokers in poor weather conditions. There is no smoking allowing inside the home.

Morristown – Bill Sukel read a letter from Andy Vrba, Group Home President. There is an immediate concern for two clients. These clients are behind in their payments. The total amount owed to the home is approximately \$1,000. The group home is asking the Foundation to provide funding for this debt. The group home is working to find additional and/or better paying employment for these two clients so they can pay their bills. There was a discussion concerning the best assistance to provide these clients. This discussion included the need to follow the established Grant Policy. This does appear to be an immediate concern and the Board was ready to act. After an initial motion by Bill Sukel with a second by Bill Wicke to provide \$1,000 the discussion continued concerning future indebtedness by these two clients until they find new employment. There were several suggested amendments made but the final motion for approval was to give President Mike Drew authorization to providing funding up to \$2,000. Motion passed with Director Russell abstaining. Additionally, the Group Home needs to replace their van. The Home has requested the proper paperwork to request a van. Bill Wicke will deliver the paperwork. (note: President Drew determined \$1,500 was needed for this request and approved this amount on 11/01/04).

Sumner Special Housing – Bill Gunter presented a copy of the minutes of August 4, 2004 Board Meeting for the permanent record. In summary, Bill stated the homes were in good shape with the exception of the West Jackson home which is being considered for sale by the home corporation. The home corporation is taking bids for road work to the Hidden Trail roadbed. Director Russell commented on the status of the as outlined in the corporation minutes.

Special Housing (Nashville) – Jim Simpson stated the home corporation is having some financial shortfalls due to a Medicare moratorium on new residents. Clover Bottom has three dwellings, 2 eight bed houses and 1 duplex. The current occupation is 6 residents. The home is 4 residents short. Jim reported on his conversation with Richard Bevington concerning the law suits that were settled during the summer. The one stipulation of the settlement was that the state would first care for those special needs people still being cared for at home. There is a financial difference between \$30,000 and \$15,000 per year. The clients of Special Housing fall closer in the \$15,000 range. The home corporation believes the State of Tennessee is making it very difficult to manage the home with a limit of 4 residents.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

State Deputy Marty O’Haver reported on the presentation of a check to John Paul II High School in Nashville. This check was the 1st installment on Grant 04-03 and the amount was \$15,000. This money supplements a program for students with mental retardation and their attendance in high school. There are 3 students currently in the program. SD O’Haver remarked on the wonderful reception by the parents and students at the high school.

President Drew read a letter of resignation from Director Bill Wicke. Bill has been appointed Health Services Chairman by State Deputy O’Haver. President Drew informed the Board that PSD Bill Gunter has been selected to fill the unexpired Director term of Bill Wicke. The selection of Bill Gunter was made after President Drew had canvassed the board by telephone.

President Drew asked consideration for a motion concerning the status of former Director Richard Bevington. Motion by Bill Maier to recognize the long and faithful service by Richard Bevington to the M R Foundation of Tn, Inc. board, as Mr. Bevington was a Charter member of the Board, and name Mr. Bevington as a Director-Emeritus. This motion was seconded by Bill Wicke. Motion passed.

President Drew asked the Board to consider an audit of the books. The last audit was in 2002 and performed by Harold Schaeffgen. The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the books should be audit. President Drew will contact Mr. Schaeffgen and arrange the audit.

President Drew reported on the Nashville "Farm House". He distributed pictures and indicated the house was badly in need of painting and other repairs. General Counsel Gino Marchetti suggested the current holders should be required to maintain the structure. The Foundation has a lease from the State of Tennessee and has subleased the property to a third party as the house is considered an historical site.

President Drew asked State Deputy O'Haver for an opportunity to address the councils at the State Mid year meeting. State Deputy O'Haver will make arrangements for speaking time. President Drew asked the Board to authorize the President and State Drive Chairman (Hunter Nolen) to attend the meeting. Board approved this request and payment of necessary expenses.

Mike Horten presented a proposal to the Board for consideration concerning scholarship opportunities. The initial proposal would provide a minimum of 3 scholarships each year with 1 in each diocese for educational purposes. The initial amount to be considered would be \$500 for each scholarship. These scholarships could be distributed through MR Helping Hands directly to the student. President Drew appointed a committee to evaluate this proposal. The committee consisted of Mike Horten, Ray Alves, Mike Drew and possibly 1 other person from west Tennessee. Mike Anderjack volunteered to assist in this effort.

President Drew asked the Board to approve April and October 2008 meeting for Montgomery Bell State Park. The park is already taking reservations and may fill up. The Board approved meeting at this site.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Saturday, January 22, 2005 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was offered by Director Romer.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Horten PSD
Secretary

Attachments