

THE MR FOUNDATION OF TN, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 4, 2006
Montgomery Bell State Park – Burns, Tennessee

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:21pm by President Mike Drew.

Directors present were: Michael R Drew, William J. Maier PSD, Carlton Russell, Michael Anderjack, William Wicke – Health Services Chairman, Jim Simpson, Dan Romer PSD, C. Michael Horten PSD, Ray Alves, and Eric Pelton – Assistant Treasurer and Drive Chairman Hunter Nolan. Chaplain Breen, State Deputy O’Haver and Director Paul Nelson were excused. Directors Bill Sukel and Bill Gunter were absent. Director Emeritus Richard Bevington attended the meeting. Guests were Mrs. William Maier, Mrs. Daniel Romer, Mrs. Hunter Nolen, Mrs. Michael Drew, and Mrs. Michael Anderjack to hear a presentation by Park Ranger Brandon Williams.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was offered by Director Jim Simpson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Simpson notes an exception to the minutes on Page 3, concerning Grant 05-03. Insert the wording...Center. The money will be used to update the playground *and computer room*.

Motion by Director Alves, second by Director Russell to approve as amended. Passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Wicke distributed financial statements to each director present. Treasurer Wicke notes a balance for the Kurtz fund of \$1,100.00. Each director was encouraged to make a personal contribution to this fund in memory of George Kurtz, brother of Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Bishop of Knoxville.

Motion by Director Maier, Second by Director Anderjack to approve the report. Passed.

DRIVE REPORT

Fund Drive Chairman Nolen reported 40 councils have participated to date and have collected a total of \$159,734.97. At this time last year councils had collected \$132,362.00.

Motion by Director Simpson, Second by Director Alves to approve the report. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Carry over Grants

Grants - None

OLD BUSINESS – cont.

Carry over Grants

Vehicles

Chairman Maier made the following report.

Grant V05-03 – Savannah Council 8083 requested a van for Hardin County Rehabilitation. Tennessee DOT has approved funding but the exact amount is not known at this time. Motion by Chairman to hold until the next Board meeting. Passed.

Chairman Maier reported no progress with paperwork for a van for Merlin and the Court Jesters and Rhea of Sunshine.

Grant V05-07 – Dyersburg Council 6787 for Patterson Center. Chairman Maier is holding this request until determination is made by Tennessee DOT.

Grant V05-04 – Council 544 for New Horizons – This grant request was previously approved by the Board for the amount of \$4,000. The correct amount required was \$5,000. Motion by Director Alves, second by Director Russell to amend the previous approved amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Passed.

Scholarships

The scholarship forms are on the website. Most solicitation has been made in the Memphis area but Directors are encouraged to spread the word concerning this opportunity. The scholarship committee will meet, evaluate and make recommendation to the Board.

Other Old Business

President Drew reported that the Farm House in Nashville is vacant. The Board is recommending deeding the property back to the State of Tennessee. The Foundation has held the property since 1997.

The Foundation Charter lists President Mike Drew as the “Agent”. Since Mr. Drew is not a resident of the State of Tennessee, he is not eligible to be the agent. The Board decided to change the Charter to make the General Counsel, currently Gino Marchetti, as the Agent for the Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

New Grants

Grant MF 01-06 – Matching Grant for Council 6738 Dyersburg for Newbern home.

Grant MF 02-06 – Matching Grant for Council 544 for Special Housing

Grant 05-07 – Grant request from Council 8781 Farragut for Diocese of Knoxville. Chairman Horten will get additional information concerning the number of MR clients being assisted for the Board to make a decision on the funding level of this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Vehicle Grants

Grant V05-03B – This Grant was submitted by Council 8083 Savannah for Hardin County Rehabilitation for repairs to a van. The amount requested was \$1,215.92. Motion by Chairman Maier to approve grant, second by Drive Chairman Nolen. Passed.

Group Home Reports

Cowan – Director Anderjack reports everything is okay.

Clarksville – Director Anderjack reports no complaints.

Memphis – Director Romer reports everything is okay.

Newbern – President Drew reported all is okay. Home is expecting vacation money in near future.

Morristown – No report

Sumner Special Housing – Director Russell reported the potential sale of the home in Gallatin. The proceeds from the sales will pay the mortgage on one home and allow building of another home.

New Horizon/Special Housing – Director Simpson made the following report. Stephen Meyer reports that all is going well. They still have a few vacancies but new Horizons, their property manager, is working to fill those vacancies with some of the older clients from new Horizons other properties. Stephen thinks the reason for the lack of a full house stems from the states' ruling about more independent home situations.

South Fulton – No contact.

Other New Business

Director Maier reported a change to his email address. The new address is wllmaier@bellsouth.net.

President Drew reported that the following Directors terms are expiring on June 30, 2006. The directors are Bill Gunter, Bill Sukel and Mike Drew.

Motion by Director Horten, second by Director Maier to purchase a \$125.00 ad for the Tennessee State Council Convention Book. Passed.

Motion by Director Alves, second by Director Simpson to allocate the necessary funding to send President Mike Drew, Secretary Mike Horten, Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen and Vehicle Chairman Bill Maier to the State Council Convention in Memphis. Passed.

Other New Business- cont.

Director Paul Nelson has published the first Foundation Newsletter. The newsletter is posted on the website. Director Simpson suggested that each Director contact their assigned councils to notify the Grand Knight that the newsletter is on the web.

President Drew noted a donation to the Foundation. Land in North Carolina has been donated by Ms. Nancy Rogers. The estimated value is \$35,000. Bill Wicke gave a brief overview of the history of the land.

Director Mailer requested the Foundation purchase an ad for the Bishop's Open booklet. The cost is \$125.00. Director Wicke moved to pay the same as last year, second by Director Alves. Passed.

Director Wicke noted the Tennessee State Council will be attending the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Orlando. Director Wicke made a motion to authorize the use of the Foundation Name in the Ad being placed by the Tennessee State Council, second by Director Maier. Director Romer amended the motion to include funding in the amount of \$250 for the ad. Passed.

Director Russell distributed some material concerning improvements to the Foundation website. Director Russell will continue to work on this project.

NEXT MEETING

The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at Montgomery Bell State Park.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was offered by Director Russell.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 3:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Horten PSD
Secretary

Attachments