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M. R. Board Meeting, January 31, 2009
Montgomery State Park, Burns, TN.

Meeting called to order at 10:33am by President Michael Anderjack.

Prayer given by V. P. Marty O'Haver.

Attendance as follows; President Anderjack, VP, Marty O'Haver, Treasurer, John Janicek, Secretary, Bill Gunter, board members John King, Bill Maier, Andy Verba, Jim Simpson, John Graham, Jack McCusker, Julian Foust, Bill Wicke, SD Michael Porter, SS Robert Rounsefell. Also in attendance were guest's George Hirtz and Tom Spencer from West Tennessee. Excused were Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen and Director Wayne Tedford.

Secretary Gunter read minutes of the previous meeting and also the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. Both were approved by the board.

John Janicek passed out the financial statement's that were updated thru 1-25, he also discussed the need for a central mailing box, and will secure one close to his home post office, that way all monies will be better secured with one area responsible. John had Hunter Nolan's reports on the current MR Drive and passed out those copies as well as the undistributed funds report on the council's.

John also talked about the 990 tax form that is required of 501-C3 organizations, and the need to make sure the councils are completing them, this is where the directors need to visit their assigned councils to remind them of the importance in doing it, because the government is really watching the 501-C3 entities and cracking down on them.

So far this year the Drive has brought in \$89,000.00, plus an additional \$9,000.00 he received today. We need to be more pro-active to get the drive money turned in.

Break from 11:35am-to 11:51am.

Old Business—Jim Simpson, contacting councils about their undistributed funds, use state web-site to know who to talk to for disbursements.

John King said to attend meetings and advise the council chairman of the drive where money is needed, especially if they don't have anyone in the immediate

area to give funds to.

State Deputy Mike Porter said we needed more visibility at the State Convention and would have a table outside the chamber for us to have paperwork to distribute for those needing it.

Carry Over Grants—None

New Grants—4 GR12-23-08 for \$1,500.00 for home in Clarksville. Motion to table until Marty has a chance to talk to them.

Grant GR12-10-08, \$1,500.00 for Newbern Home from Council 7838, tabled, ask them to use their undistributed funds first, then resubmit the grant if necessary.

Grant GR1-08-09 Winchester Council ask for \$1,400.00 for the Cowan home, it was tabled until they use the undistributed funds available.

Grant GR1-12-09, Council 6730 Morristown, \$1,200.00 for Group Home. Grant approved, matching funds.

Break for Lunch 12:35pm, resumed meeting 1:20pm.

Bill Maier, Vehicle Grants Chairman reported no applications to report. Had no Home report.

Andy Verba reported on the Morristown home, it is full with 10 clients, their license has been renewed, had a nice Christmas event for the clients. Andy thanked the board for the grants for the home.

SD Porter also advised all to sent pictures of events with the clients to Tim Hines, State web-master to be posted on the web. This could be an incentive to get others around the state to start producing, and to see what the board is all about.

John Janicek reported on the three homes in the Gallatin/Hendersonville area, they are trying to get land to build another home, currently they have over \$50,000.00 in the bank now and need to get to \$100,000.00 to start. It cost approximately \$120,000.00 to build the last home. They are currently seeking corporate sponsors for grants or donations to get where they need to be.

Marty O'Haver reported on the Clarksville Home, had a meeting on Jan. 15 with Sunrise who operates the home. They bought a 7 seat van, the Council helps with expenses for it. The home has 5 clients and can accommodate 8. They are in the process of finding a new legal representative. The home needs exterior painting, the Knights will do this when the weather permits. they held a Christmas party for the clients, and it has been reported that the State realizes what our group homes do for the clients, and are looking at removing some restrictions and regulations on receiving clients. The State review of the home received 52 out of a possible 54 for a very good

report. Also coming up in the summer is a picnic, and an Eagle Scout is getting a team together to refurbish an outside area with the help of the Clarksville Council.

Jim Simpson advised the New Bern Home is doing well, no changes.

Mike Anderjack reported the Cowan home is doing great, clients get along real well.

Bill Gunter had no report on the two Nashville homes.

John Graham reported on visits to his assigned councils.

NEW BUSINESS

The board needs to adopt into the Grant procedures a request for change that councils use up their undistributed funds before requesting a Grant. Jim Simpson said he would write up the paperwork, give it to President Anderjack for his review and Mike would have our attorney, Gino Marchetti look at it and revise whatever would be needed.

State Deputy Porter turned in David Morrissey's name to become a member of the board when an opening became available. Mike also talked about the new programs in the State council, namely the Wheel-Chair and Courage Lion programs.

President Anderjack gave his closing remarks, he commended the men and Wives that were present today, said it was the most productive meeting he's been involved in since becoming president of the foundation. We had 17 members in attendance today.

Mike also wanted to tell us he couldn't thank the ladies enough for helping get Lucy around for the two days. She said she felt like a "Queen for a Day".

Mike also pointed out that we need to work more closely together, visit our assigned homes, implement ideas, show empathy, follow the orders of our founding father, Michael McGivney in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Helping those who we work for, just look at the faces, see the joy they show to us, just by being there for them, talking, helping, being you.

A request for a full page add was asked for and approved for the State Convention Booklet, Bill Gunter will take care of sending the check and add. Also approved was an add in the West TN Bishop's Open Golf Tournament Booklet, full page, and for the Booklet for the Ordination of the Knoxville Diocese new Bishop, that will be 1/2 page.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Gunter—Board Secretary

