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**MR Board Meeting March 28, 2009**  
**Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, TN**

**Members present; President Mike Anderjack, VP Marty O'Haver, Sec. Bill Gunter, Tom Spenser, Bill Maier, Jim Simpson, Wayne Tedford, Bob Rounsefell, George Hirtz, Dale Foust, Byron Nestler, Hunter Nolen, Drive Chairman, and State Deputy Mike Porter. Excused were Bill Wicke, Jack McCusker, John King, and Andy Vrba. Guests were Bob Johnson, Director of SSHI, and Jim Bruun, State Warden.**

**Meeting called to order at 10:33am by President Anderjack. Opening prayer offered by Jim Simpson. Bill Maier ask for prayers for Lucy Anderjack, Mike gave an update on her condition.**

**Minutes of previous meeting submitted by Sec. Bill Gunter, read and approved.**

**Treasurer John Janicek was also excused from the meeting, his report was read by President Anderjack, and was approved as submitted. Question on two parts were ask by State Deputy Porter regarding our holding's in GM and GMAC totaling almost 200,000.00. Ask what our options were, and are we going to possibly lose there monies with the current status of GM? President Anderjack advised us that John was in constant contact on this and would do what is necessary to protect us in the best manner possible.**

**Hunter Nolen gave the report on the current drive, so far we have taken in 187,000, which is down about 21,000. from this time last year. The councils still have a balance of about 143,000. in undistributed funds. Jim Simpson said that the directors needed to make council visits and explain to them the importance of using there funds in a timely manner, after all, it's there money to use. Marty O'Haver said communication was the best way, not e-mails, use personnel contact. Dale Foust said he will travel with his DD to council meetings to get the information to the membership. Directors were ask to look at your council assignments and go to a meeting to talk with them. Mike Porter said to make a presentation at the State Convention to let the council's know how the fund distribution works. Marty said he would head up a committee to make a power point presentation slide show on how to obtain funds, and also promote your drives with pictures of client's in the homes. It was pointed out that you needed to get permission from the agency running a home to use pictures of the clients, and to try to do group pictures in-**

stead of individual ones, and to get a release form from the home. The MR Awards will be handed out on Saturday afternoon.

Next up were Scholarships, and we have no applications.

Carryover Grant's; Bill Maier didn't have any vehicle and Jim Simpson advised he didn't have any for the homes either. Jim did say that the Newbern request for 600.00 for a Christmas party was taken care of by the council using undistributed funds. President Anderjack said that the Clarksville council had submitted Grant 12-23 for matching funds for their home for 1,500.00, but no information on what the money was to go for, other than to have it available if needed. He advised them to resubmit it once they had documentation as to what it would be used for.

New Grants; Jim Simpson has 3. Council 12838 Jefferson City, requested 2,037.00 for Douglas Coop for home renovations, this was tabled until director John Graham has an opportunity to talk with them. Council 10010, Gallatin requested 2,650.00 for ongoing landscaping for the 3 SSHI homes. This was tabled till we find out if it is to be a grant or matching funds. Council 3763, Madison has submitted a grant for 50,000. over a three year period for the Hand in Hand Program at JPII High School. This was tabled until we talk with Gino Marchetti, and what progress the school has had in securing other matching grants. It was also pointed out that the Board had given them a similar grant in 2004-06 to get the program off the ground. The Madison council also advised they are donating 5,000. to the project. Marty O'Haver had a meeting with the school and ask them to write to the councils in the Nashville Diocese to solicit funds for the project. The school will have 5 Down Syndrome Children in the class next year, and have hired a second teacher. President Anderjack said this should go thru the Executive Committee, then be submitted to the board.

Break at 11:33am, returned at 11:57am

Home Reports;

Newbern, Wayne Tedford, the home was concerned if the State of Tennessee was going to cut any funds. Jim Simpson advised he is unable to get hold of Bill Fenwick.

Clarksville, Marty O'Haver, no changes, looking for two clients. All repairs have been made, waiting for the Eagle Scout Project to repair the picnic area.

Cowan home, Mike Anderjack reports 10 clients and no problems.

Sumner SSI Bob Johnson reported all three homes are full and the Hats Origination runs all the homes well. They are full and no cuts expected. They are raising money to build another home, and have a little over 50,000. They will not start until they have 100,000. and at this point, March of 2010 is the target date. Main concern is the rising cost of building materials.

No other reports given.

**New Vehicle Grants; Grant VG-09-20-02. Tri County Center, Athens, TN Submitted By Council 8396, Athens by Louis Talmage for a used Ford Van for a total of 14,000. The request is for 80%, or 11,200. The center takes care of 115 adults in the area. Grant Approved.**

**President Anderjack talked about the facilities at Montgomery Bell and ask to move our next meeting in September to Manchester, TN. The meeting would take place at the Ambassador Inn, with all rooms being suites, with continental breakfast. The meeting room is separated. The hotel does not have dining facilities, but there are restaurants nearby. He is going to see about reservations at one of them for the group.**

**The meeting date will be September 18-19, 2009 and it will cancel the October meeting listed in our long range meeting schedule. This will be a one time change to see if we like the facilities in Manchester. It was voted on and the board members approved the change for the next meeting.**

**New Business; Bill Maier ask for an add for the Bishops Open Golf Tournament that assists the Memphis Diocese Schools. Full page add approved, 150.00.**

**State Deputy Mike Porter brought up the Obama tax cuts on charitable contributions and what effect it will have on our ability to solicit funds, and how many more requests will the foundation receive above what we have now. Discussion was pointed on this subject and it went back and forth, pro and con. The consensus was to take a wait and see what happens with next year's collections.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Gunter**

**Board Secretary**