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MR Board Meeting September 19, 2009
Ambassador Inn, Manchester, TN

Members present; President Mike Anderjack, Vice-President Marty O'Haver, Treasurer John Janicek, Secretary Bill Gunter, State Deputy Mike Porter, Board Members Bob Johnson, Bill Maier, Bill Wicke, Byron Nestler, John Graham, George Hirtz, Jack McCusker, Andy Verba, John King, Bob Rounsefell, and Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen.

President Anderjack called the meeting to order at 9:32am with John King saying the opening prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was suspended to open the Helping Hands Meeting. There was no business for Helping Hands, President Anderjack had several comments on Helping Hands, there was no Old or New business and a motion made to adjourn, seconded, meeting closed at 9:38am with John King doing the closing prayer.

MR Board meeting called back to order, Bill Gunter presented the Minutes of the previous meeting of March 28, 2009, ask they be accepted as written, seconded and approved. Next, the minutes of the Executive committee meeting of August 28 were read and approved.

State Deputy Mike Porter was next on the agenda, giving a report of the relationship between the State Council and MR Board.

Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen gave his report on the 2008-2009 drive, handed out the report to all members, said we had a record year on income, despite the economy, about 20,000.00 over last year. So far this year we have taken in 2,833.00, but doesn't have a feel for where we are, and what the outlook for the 2009-2010 drive will be. President Anderjack thanked Hunter for all he has done since being drive chairman, and he advised he has been receiving e-mails from Grand Knights about drive activities.

John Janicek was next with his Treasurer report, he advised the board members that the 2008 financial statement audit, 2008 federal Form 990 and the state solicitation permit have been filed and the Foundation is in compliance with all Federal and State laws. John discussed the 9 month financial statements, December 1, 2008-August 31, 2009, advising the Board Members that the year to date loss of -64,247.69 is related to the sale of the GMAC and Ford Bonds in May and June 2009, and the large one time Attorney fee of 18,362.00 from the previous 3 years. This happened inadvertently during the transition from when Mike Drew had passed away and the bill went unnoticed. This is included on the P&L statement. The attorney is now billing the board quarterly for any services. John then discussed the current investment

strategy of holding good grade bond funds with maturities in short term portfolios (3 year) and maturities in longer term portfolios (6-8 year) with liquidity to try to diminish any loss in value due to expected future inflation in the economy. Additionally, he advised the board that we are in good financial shape with available assets, (cash and investments) as of August 31, 2009 of 836,513.49. Treasurer Janicek advised the board that he will meet with the First Tennessee brokerage advisor, Scott Wettengel before the end of October to discuss any additional investment strategies for 2009 and will advise the executive committee on any recommendations. John also mentioned we will go to auto check writing on December 1, 2009 making it a better tracking system on all written checks.

Bill Maier, Vehicle Grant Chairman was next up, gave his report on Grant request from Cleveland Council 4572 for a five wheelchair school bus for Orange Grove for 65,000.00. This request was denied by TDOT because of the special construction rules required, and the foundation has to agree. The discussion continued on bus grant VS school bus grant by John King and the State requirement that all School Buses be painted yellow. John Janicek brought up the liability issue if we were to do anything for Orange Grove pertaining to the bus, so it was decided by vote to give Orange Grove 6,500.00 as a general grant, with no reference to the school bus.

Break for 15 minutes 10:30-1045am

President Anderjack gave his report at this time, referring to Unity, all working together, go eye-to-eye with the GK's, not just e-mails and letters. They need direction and are now responding to our training, what's in your heart needs to drive you, go to the homes, visit the clients. Go visit your assigned councils, buckle down and find solutions to help get the drives going in each one. Use your wives and children to assist in the collection of money. Mike also mentioned going to Wal Mart to see if you can get a corporate donation from them, he was able to get the Manchester Store to donate 1,000.00 again this year.

Mike ask State Deputy Porter if the MR Board presentation could be in the morning at the Mid-Year meeting in Nashville on January 16, 2010, it better suits the presenter's, John Janicek and Hunter Nolen, along with Mike. Byron Nestler ask about revising all our presentation forms, and advise on how the money is spent.

It was also brought up that the Board is looking at developing it's own web-site to be strictly MR Board related, (but still keeping our presence on the State site) giving us another portal to the Councils and membership. John King advised that if you don't get the councils to appoint a drive chairman, you can't have success, so make it a point to talk with the GK's of your assigned councils to make sure each has a drive chairman. Bob Rounsefell piped up and said get a competition going to get good people to run the drive. Hunter Nolen explained what the council money has been used for, ask them to give a report, talk with the drive chairman about the forms, not the council. Bob Johnson talked about Wal Mart and the 1,000.00 donation, said council 10010 Gallatin has received the grant two years in a row. Byron Nestler said that in Memphis the Wal Mart and Kroger's store are turning solicitation's away at their stores, said it disrupts their customers. Mike Anderjack also pointed out not to give candy

directly to a child, give it to the parent, to many worries about possibly chocking. It's getting harder to collect any more due to all the "con artists" on the streets now.

President Anderjack had a written report from the Grants Committee chairman, Jim Simpson. There were no grant requests. Jim had concerns that the councils do not know anything about the MR Foundation, he stated several councils 7086 in Paris, and 6787 in Humbolt/Milan didn't understand, so he spent a while explaining to them the workings of the board and foundation.

Break for Lunch 11:45am-1:00pm
Resumed Meeting at 1:00pm

Old Business, Jefferson City Grant, Council 12838 for 2,037.00 for Douglas Co-op for home renovations. Andy Verba will check with them and get back to the President.

Area 32 Special Olympics, 5,000.00 grant request by council 6992 Kingsport, approved and second, discussion approved.

Morristown Home request 4,884.00 due to shortage of two (2) clients. HUD owns the home and wants the money due to HUD being the agency involved to pay the taxes, insurance, etc. Grant committee agreed to do this, and ask for an amendment on the request to be 5,000.00, seconded and approved the grant for the 5,000.00.

New Grant from Farragut Council 8781 for the Columbus Home for 8,000.00, voted on and approved . This is a matching Grant.

John King wants to know what committee he's on. Will remain on Grants Committee.

Election of Officers

President Mike Anderjack, reelected by acclimation.

Vice President Marty O'Haver, reelected by acclimation.

Secretary Bill Gunter, reelected by acclimation.

Treasurer John Janicek, reelected by acclimation.

New Business-Discussed the new web-site, John Janicek spoke on it, his son will design it for the MR Board, will cost about \$400.00-700.00, with a 15.00 domain cost, voted on and approved to develop by the board.

Group Home Reports

Sumner Special Housing by Bob Johnson-All homes fully staffed and filled, 3 clients per home. Several problems with landscape, some minor repairs on the 3 homes. Made an offer on another piece of property, will start the 4th home next year. Hats organization does a great job as care givers. Have about 12,000.00 in reserve for each home.

Special Housing by Bill Gunter-Attended the September 16 meeting, had seven members in attendance along with three members of New Rochelle Center, who are interested in taking over management of the three homes involved. Went over finances and are over good shape. New Horizons are trying to get out of management of the homes due to restrictions by HUD.

Morristown Home-Andy Verba gave the report, said they are having a hard time filling the home are 1 or 2 clients short. Scouts are assisting in helping with clearing shrubs and lawn care. Advertising in the local papers and have been ask to check Craig's List also.

Memphis Home-John King gave the report, Youth Villages supplies the clients and workers and does a great job. Everything going very well.

Cowan Home-Mike Anderjack gave the report, home is full, 5 men and 5 women, everyone doing well, get along very well.

Clarksville Home-Marty O'Haver gave the report, home doing well request for a rent increase from 539.00 to 708.00. The Eagle Scout project is completed, finished the new tables and chairs. Council 11742 in Ashland City has raised 800.00 thru their tootsie roll drive, and will donate that money to the Clarksville home. Need one more client to fill the home.

Question and Answer Period.

President Anderjack liked the home reports, shows we are working together and that makes Unity work. Go to these homes and visit, make sure if you go, call and ask for permission from the home director. Invite the clients to come to council dinners and outings. Morristown, Clarksville and Cordova do this now. These people appreciate everything we do for them.

Mid-Year meeting is at the Cathedral of Incarnation in Nashville on January 16, 2009.

Next two meetings will be January 22-23 and March 19-20, 2010 to meet our obligation to have two meetings prior to the State Convention on April 30 and May 1,2, 2010.

At the January 22-23 meeting there will not be a ladies program. There should be one for the March meeting. Our apologies to the ladies for January.

The next two meeting's will also be held in Manchester, TN at the Ambassador Inn.

Closing prayer offered by Marty O'Haver, meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

**Respectfully Submitted;
Mike Anderjack, President
by MR Board Secretary,
Bill Gunter**