

M. R. Foundation of Tennessee, Inc.
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MR Board Meeting January 23, 2010
Ambassador inn, Manchester, TN

Members present; Mike Anderjack, President; Marty O'Haver, Vice-President; John Janicek, Treasurer; Bill Gunter, Secretary; Bill Maier, Vehicle Grant Chairman; Jim Simpson, Grant Chairman; Bill Wicke; John King; Byron Nestler; Robert Rounsefell; Jack McCusker; George Hirtz; Tom Spencer; John Graham; Dale Foust; 1 year member Fred Laufenberg; Drive Chairman Hunter Nolen; and General Council Gino Marchetti. Father Joey Kaump and Directors Wayne Tedford; Bob Johnson; and Andy Vrba were excused.

Meeting was called to order by President Anderjack at 9:30am, Mike gave the opening prayer, followed by a brief outline of the day.

The first half hour was dedicated to a film of various homes thru out the state, mostly Christmas party's thrown by the Council's that are responsible for the home and some MR Drives by various Councils.

After the film President Anderjack talked about what MR Disabilities are, how we need to help support the homes and people. We can't ignore them, we need to show help and love. As board members we need to roll up our sleeves and go to work, helping those that need help, whether it's at one of our homes, in the community or a disaster, such as Haiti.

Most board members are doing multiple jobs within the K of C, he understands our commitment to the order and would like to see us do more with disabilities.

At this time President Anderjack ask John King to pass out booklets he had made up to all in attendance and ask us to read Proud to be Catholic, written by a Jewish lay person. We had a discussion after on how the Catholic's are perceived and how an "outsider" can see what an impact we have made on our country.

Mike then introduced Fred Laufenberg as the newest board member under the one year trial, Fred is from Crossville and will work that area for the board which includes Cookville, Sparta and Harriman Councils. He has already made visits to those areas for the board.

Next in the book were Grants, he ask us to read the three pages and get a better understanding of how they work, know the procedures to follow to get them approved. All Grants go to the President for approval before money can be disbursed.

The MR Drive Summary report spells out how to submit funds to the MR Board and where to send checks so distribution of MR Funds follow policies and procedures. Advise the Council to submit the group the money will go to at the time they mail in their check.

Request's for MR Foundation Grants and request for a Donation from the MR Foundation was the final thing discussed on this subject.

Vehicle Grant Request forms were discussed by Bill Maier, he explained what and who fills out the form. It first goes to the TNDOT, then to the Federal Government. The State pays 10%, Government 80% and the MR Foundation 10% on vehicle grants. Once approved by the State and Government, we can then write a check to the organization. We can also do partial or complete funding on occasion. Members on the Vehicle Grants Committee are Tom Spencer and Marty O'Haver.

Grants Committee is headed up by Jim Simpson, with John King and John Graham on the committee.

Next was our General Council, Gino Marchetti, he explained the rules governing the MR Foundation in regard to 501-C3 rules, the bylaws governing us, how to keep our status of 501-C3, and put great importance on our filing the IRS-990 each year. He stated that the IRS is watching all non-profits for any violations today, more so than in past years, so we have to be very vigilant in everything we do as a non profit. He also talked about some changes to the by laws, how directors are voted onto the board and also talked about the Executive Committee, and the importance to have this committee in all organizations, not just the MR Foundation. He said most corporations have one. He also stated the committee is there to act in case of necessity or emergency, unity between the officers and board members and everyone should be included in all communication to keep everyone in the loop.

John Janicek, Treasurer was next, talked about our investments, handed out the latest spread sheet and the need to keep \$500,000.00 available, was not aware of a floor to maintain. He also passed out the latest update on available Council funds that need to be disbursed, about \$77,000.00 still available. The directors should go to their councils and advise them of the monies, and ask them to disburse it. John then explained the assets, cash and securities, investments, went over the balance sheet, and explained our losses for the year. He stated all of our investments are good, and we are making enough off them to off set our meeting expenses. We, as a corporation have about a 1% expense operating the Foundation.

President Anderjack gave a short history on the MR Foundation, it was started by the 8 homes, and we had one management group for all of them. This was not a good decision, and we got out of that ASAP. We have one home in Morristown that could use funds, they are down three clients, and are feeling the pressure right now.

Director Dale Foust requested a copy of the check that was issued to Orange Grove in the amount of \$6,500.00 so they could have a photo presentation.

Hunter Nolen, Drive Chairman gave his council donation report and stated the money coming in at this point is about normal.

Jim Simpson, Grants Chairman had a matching grant request from the Clarksville Council 3537 for \$1,500.00, this was approved and a check for that amount was issued.

12:00pm Break for Lunch.

Reconvened the meeting at 1:00pm.

Secretary Gunter ask that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as written. Bill read the Executive Committee Meeting minutes of January 5, 2010, they were approved as read.

President Anderjack submitted the application for Michael Porter to be reelected to a three year term. This was approved, second, and would be submitted at the State Convention the end of April. Mike then gave his closing remarks, thanked all that came, was appreciative of all the help he received during the two days and adjourned the meeting.

Bill Gunter gave the closing prayer.

**Mike Anderjack, President
by Bill Gunter, Secretary**