

**M. R. Foundation of Tennessee, Inc.**  
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**MR Board Meeting March 20, 2010**  
**Ambassador Inn, Manchester, TN**

**Members present; Mike Anderjack, President; Bill Gunter, Secretary; Bill Maier; Bob Johnson; Byron Nestler; Tom Spenser; Fred Laufenberg; John King; George Hirtz; Andy Vrba; Jim Simpson; Wayne Tedford; Bob Rounsefell; Jack McCusker; Bill Wicke Also present were Hunter Nolen, Drive Chairman. Excused were Marty O'Haver, VP; Mike Porter, SD; Father Joey Kaump, Chaplain, and John Janicek, Treasurer.**

**Meeting called to order by President Anderjack at 10:00am, opening prayer by Jack McCusker. Minutes of the January 23, 2010 meeting approved as written. Read letter from Gino on the MR Foundation policies and procedures, addressed the name change that was made in 1996 from K of C MRF to the MRF of TN, Inc., and advised that the President was to be made aware of all transactions of the MR Board.**

**President Anderjack then passed out the financial paperwork that John Janicek had sent to him, copies attached; talked about the councils unused funds and our need as members of the board to get them to use these monies for the 501-C3 organizations that assist the mentally and physically challenged. He then read a letter from Byron Nestler asking to be assigned to a "job" within the foundation. Mike has created a job for Byron, as PR Man for the Foundation, and gave Byron pictures and some other material to get started. Byron was grateful, and has vowed to do the job to the best of his abilities.**

**Mike then introduced his daughter, Christine as the principal speaker to the board members. He also at this time invited the ladies that were present with their husbands to sit in on the talk. Susan Vrba, Pat Hirtz and Diane McCusker sat in on her presentation.**

**Chris talked about the family, and their upbringing within the Civitan and K of C organizations, random acts of kindness and giving and the importance of family. She also talked about her brother Steve and his 34 years in the US Navy, the importance of our Country's Flag, and read the poem "Old Glory", copy attached. Using children and wives while doing the "tootsie pop" drives were hi-points also, bringing us up to date on the moral values that seem to be declining in our country today, with the lack of patriotism to the Flag as well as the Country.**

**Break 10:45am-11:00am.**

After break President Anderjack ask Bill Gunter to read "Be proud to be Catholic", written by a Jewish man. Mike then ask all of us to please let him know what is going on around the State, and in the Councils, good or bad. He also advised that the new Grand Knights would be given paperwork at the State Convention.

Hunter Nolen spoke on the Drive, talked about the State Convention presentation, and said the most ask question he gets is "what's my council balance? He talked about procedures that need to be followed, mainly getting the paperwork in for your council drive so you will be covered under the insurance policy which is good for up to 4 consecutive days or less, the need for names of persons that are working the drive, and if you have an Hispanic presence in your drive area, several apron's in Spanish could help during the drive. Hunter stressed the importance of being "politically correct" in terminology, use Intellectual Disabilities vs. Mentally Challenged. When sending the drive money in, send the request for distribution of funds then also.

Bill Maier, Vehicle Grants Chairman was next, he had no grant requests at this time so he advised the members about various procedures to secure a vehicle grant. Must be a 501-C3 organization, must send the request first to the TN DOT, Jerry Roach, once Jerry makes us aware of the request it then goes to President Anderjack, he then sends it to Bill to research as to it's viability. The breakdown of the payout is as follows; the Government pays 80%, the State 10% and the MRF 10%. We never get involved unless the TNDOT has approved the grant request.

A motion was made by Bill Wicke to approve the attendance of the following to attend the State Convention, April 30, May 1-2. Representing the MR Board will be Mike Anderjack, Byron Nestler, John Janicek, and Hunter Nolen. This was approved.

Grant Chairman Jim Simpson was next, and had the following requests from the councils.

Two Grant requests from Council 645 in Knoxville, Grant 3-16-10 for Ft Sanders Development Center, \$2,500.00 for purchase of audio-visual equipment for autistic and mentally challenged, and Grant 3-20-10 from Council 645 for Sunshine Industries for \$2,500.00 for startup of new business venture of Sunshine Alternative Fuels so they could hire more MR workers. Bill Wicke talked on both, motion made to approve both Grant requests.

Grant 2-25-10, \$1,500.00 Matching Grand for Morristown Home, also Vacation Grant of \$900.00 for the home sponsored by Council 6730, Morristown. Both Approved.

Grant 3-23-10, from Council 9132, Hendersonville for \$1,500 matching, for operating and reserve funds for repair. Approved. Council 10010, Gallatin will submit another grant request for matching funds also for the Sumner County Homes.

Request for \$5,000.00 from Council 8273 in Harriman for maintenance and fuel for all vehicles, no Grant request form, sent back for proper forms.

**Council 8396, Athens sent Grant request for \$30,000.00 to pay for restroom repairs at the Tri-County Center. Tabled for further information.**

**No carry over grants.**

**Bill Maier requested a full page Add of \$100.00 for the Bishop Open Golf Tournament in the Memphis Diocese, seconded and approved.**

**President Anderjack talked about the Cowan Home and the residents there. He ask if we, as board members would like to visit with them, tour the facility and go to lunch on Mt. Eagle at Suwannee College and tour the Abby there also. Bill Wicke ask President Anderjack to pursue doing this during the next fraternal year, and the need to set dates for our fall meetings.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm, prayer by Bill Wicke and lunch served at this time.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mike Anderjack, President**

**By Bill Gunter, Secretary**