

M. R. Foundation of Tennessee, Inc.

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Minutes From January 22, 2011 Meeting St. Ann's Catholic Church, Nashville, TN

Members present: John King, President, Wayne Tedford, Vice President, John Janicek, Treasurer, Bill Gunter, Secretary, Bob Rounsefell, State Deputy, Mike Porter, Sr., Mike Wills, Jack McCusker, Jim Simpson, Bob Johnson, Jerry Headley, Dale Foust, Fred Laufenberg, Tom Spencer, Hunter Nolen, Drive Chairman, Bill Wicke, Byron Nestler, Andy Vrba and guests from Special Housing, Nashville, Cliff Reinert, Mark Mayer and Jay Jacobs. Excused were Father Kinney, George Hirtz, and Gino Marchetti, Legal Council.

Meeting called to order by President John King at 8:32am. Opening prayer given by Bill Wicke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

John then talked about the MR Foundation and the amount of money distributed over the years, a 10 year plan to double our contributions, to find a replacement for each of us as we get older and don't want to continue on the board of directors. We need to get our young Knights involved on the board, after all, every Knight in the state becomes part of the board when they take there first degree.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Hunter Nolen gave the drive report to date, and will e-mail the board members a copy of the report.

Treasurer John Janicek passed out copies of the financial status of the Foundation, advised on our expenditures for meetings and supply's as well as the distribution to councils for there funds, or lack there of. He ask all members to go to there councils and let them know the amount of money they have in there account to be distributed, and if they can't seem to find anyone to give it to, we have group homes and other ways to give it away throughout the state. John also reported on our portfolio that it's doing well, and we have the audit coming up to satisfy the government regulations for 501-C3 organizations. John also ask we set up a base to keep in a fixed fund and what we would want in the account for distribution of grants. The executive committee should have a meeting on these items and bring the information to the next board meeting.

Grants chairman Jim Simpson said we need to get the councils to submit grant requests and president King said we definitely need to go to the councils and advise them how to do it. We have all the information on the web, but they just don't avail themselves, we need to push them sometime. He also advised that our "tootsie roll" drive wasn't the only way to raise funds, we need to look outside the box and do other things to raise money other than standing outside the stores that will allow us, and this means is shrinking as businesses are tightening there procedures. Directors Simpson, Porter and Spencer gave numerous ways to get sponsorship, helping with Special Olympics, holding dances, dinners, card parties for a cause, and mostly, get the State PR man, Andy Telli involved. He is the editor of the Register in Middle TN, and has access to the other Catholic papers in East and West TN.

Mike Wills, Bill Wicke and President King ask we get a well presented presentation set up for the State Convention. Byron Nestler, PR chairman for the Foundation said a possible power point

presentation would be good, Mike Porter suggested we get all the councils to do something on a specific date, and guest Mark Mayer said he'd be glad to help in setting it up. Jerry Headley advised what not to do when trying to do road blocks.

Break from 10:30-10:45am.

Meeting called back in session at 10:45am by President King. He appointed Bob Johnson as Vehicle Grant Chairman to replace long time chairman Bill Maier.

Jim Simpson, Grants Chairman and staff of Tom Spencer and Mike Wills presented the following grants. There were no carry-over grants, and the four to be submitted were matching grants.

Grant 11-01, submitted by Hendersonville Council 9132 for Sumner Special Housing in the amount of \$2,154 for operating expenses, approved by the board.

Grant 11-02, submitted by Harriman Council 8273 for the Michael Dunn Center for \$30,000.00 to build restroom facilities and showers for the disabled clients, W/C ramp renovations. The board voted to give them \$5,000.00.

Grant 11-03, submitted by Morristown Council 6730 for the Morristown K of C Home for \$5,000.00, approved by the board.

Grant 11-04 submitted by Maryville Council 3832 for the group GAPE to provide promo video and recreational equipment for clients use. The Council donates mostly to Douglas Coop. The Council has been ask to send a letter on the distribution of the check with a write up and pictures, and to please hand deliver the check with a picture opportunity to be placed in the East TN Catholic.

Byron Nestler then talked on the PR for the Foundation and handed out a brochure that will be published for handouts during drives. It give the donator's something in return for the donation, and just not a piece of candy.

Mike Porter advised that at the State Convention, for audio visual equipment the hotel charges approximately \$300.00, and could the MR Foundation fund this if we are going to do a presentation. This was approved.

President King talked about Director Nominations, and Bill Wicke ask if we could have a second Priest on the board as a director and not the Chaplain. He ask that Father David Carter be considered for the next opening. John also talked about getting a member of the Hispanic Community on the board also, since we now have two Hispanic Councils and several more in the works and our need to get them involved in fund raising drives. Dale Foust talked about not making Hispanic's separate but included in our culture.

Home Reports were next on the list, and the reports are as follows;

Jim Simpson reported on the Newburn home, he cannot get director Fenwick to answer calls and he hasn't been able to get to the home himself due to work.

Jerry Headley had no report on the Cowan home, the Winchester Council works with them. Morristown home report by Andy Vrba was that they still need clients, and are doing what they can to make ends meet, but if the lack keeps up, the home might need to close some time in the future.

No report on the South Fulton, Clarksville and Memphis homes.

Sumner County homes in Portland (2) and Gallatin are doing great, report given by Bob Johnson.

Bill Gunter deferred to guest Cliff Reinert on the Special Housing in Madison and Hermitage. Cliff advised the homes were set up to house 8 clients, but with the Metro Nashville group home changes are allowed only 3 clients per home. This has caused a loss of revenue of about \$3,000.00 per month for each home. Most of the clients that could go to the group homes are being placed in assisted living. Our home operator, New Horizon's is running both homes right now, but want out as soon as possible. They are looking for any suggestions, and John King said to check with Youth Villages who run the Memphis Home and are doing a great job with a great relationship. John gave names and phone numbers to Cliff and Mark Mayer to follow up.

As Secretary, Bill ask for permission to get a good recorder for the minutes, this was approved. Jim Simpson advised that his Council had one they don't use, and would see if it could be donated to the Foundation for use. Bill said he would wait for an answer prior to checking on a purchase of one.

President King then talked about the upcoming meetings, would like to hold two (2) plus having a teleconference meeting once we get our web-site up and running. The teleconference meeting would be the January meeting date, then one in Nashville in March and one in September at Montgomery Bell State Park in Dickson. He has to check on Skipe or Join Me for the teleconference one.

The March Meeting is to be held at St. Stephen Catholic Community on March 26, 2011 from 8:30am to noon or there about. The address is 14544 Lebanon Road, Old Hickory, TN 37138, Not to confuse you, it is Highway 70 basically in Mt. Juliet, TN between Exits (east bound) 221 and (west bound) 226 on I-40. St Stephen Council 9282 in hosting there 25th year as a Council dinner that evening, honoring all the PGK's, so your welcome to stay for dinner.(at a cost) The dinner is after the 5:00pm Mass.

J. R. Janicek is the man responsible in setting up the Foundation's Web-site, and Byron Nestler will be our go to guy. This should be complete sometime this year. We will still have information on the State Web also.

Closing remarks; John King, Hunter Nolen and John Janicek will be the Board Members that will represent the Foundation at the State Convention April 29-May 01, 2011 at Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, TN. Mike Wills made a motion the Foundation buy the back page add for the State Convention Booklet, motion seconded and approved. Tom Spencer then made a motion to change the Matching Grant donation from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 for the Group Homes, this motion was seconded and approved by the board.

President King ask Bill Gunter to lead in a closing prayer for Vocations, meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Gunter, Secretary