

motivate them to come up with better ways to collect funds other than the tootsie roll drive. We need to let the councils know what they have done over the years and not hide any information from them, if they only collect \$500.00 each year or 10,000.00, they are the one's that are doing what they can and we can't fault that.

Jim Simpson advised as director's we need to assist the DD's in our area's when they are holding there District Meeting, and giving the MR Board presentation also at that time. It could help them understand better who and what we are.

Grant Chairman, Jim Simpson was next on the agenda with Grant's. He was reluctant to do the Grant's he had because he hadn't received them in time to investigate them and get to his committee, but since we were all there, and some were very important, he felt we should do them, and the board members agreed.

Grant 11-05 Submitted by Council 6730, Morristown for \$2,500.00 a Matching Grant request for the KC Home in Morristown for overall every day need's. Grant Approved.

Grant 11-06 Submitted by Council 3763, Madison for \$3,000.00 for the upkeep of the Donelson and Madison Homes. Two checks for \$1,500.00 each were Approved.

Grant 11-07 Submitted by Council 6099 Chattanooga for \$5,000.00 for the Special Olympics Chattanooga Chill Volleyball Team to travel to the National Special Olympics in Dallas, TX. No Recommendation on the Grant, we will set aside the \$5,000.00 and ask the Chattanooga Councils to put up \$5,000.00, Grant Approval is Pending.

Grant 11-08 Submitted by Council 5062, Memphis for Matching Grant of \$545.08, Approved.

Grant 11-09 Submitted by Council 8152, Crossville for Hill-Toppers in the amount of \$14, 676.00 for Home renovation. They operate a Day Care Center and Group Home. For all the construction on the kitchen, bathrooms and ramp, the cost estimate is \$38,248.67. Motion to approve \$5,000.00 was Approved.

Grant 11-10 Submitted by Council 9132, Hendersonville for Sumner Special Housing Group Homes for matching Grant of \$5,000.00. Motion to Table till speaking with John Janicek on Council funds distribution.

Grant 11-11 Submitted by Council 6992, Kingsport for Area 32 Special Olympics for \$1,000.00. Request Approved.

Grant 11-12 Submitted by Council 6730, Morristown, for Vacation request for 9 clients and 1 councilor in the amount of \$1,000.00. Grant Approved.

Grant 11-13 Submitted by Council 9132, Hendersonville for Hand in Hand Program at JPII High School for \$15,000.00. Motion Tabled.

Grant 11-14 Submitted by Council 11925, St. Ann's Nashville for Merci Homes in the amount of \$3,000.00. Tabled for more information.

Grant 11-15 Submitted by Council 8152 Crossville for ARC of Cumberland County Special Olympics for \$5,000.00. Grant Approved.

Next were the Vehicle Grants Report by Chairman, Bob Johnson, he ask for volunteers to serve on his committee, and Mike Porter and Wayne Tedford stepped up to make up the committee. Bob had one Grant request.

V1-11 Grant request submitted by Council 8152, Crossville for two Vans for the Hill-Toppers of Cumberland County in the amount of \$6,250.00. The vehicles have been approved for purchase by TDOT, and the foundation matches 10% of the total cost. First Vehicle, 5 passenger two W/C access in the amount of \$26,000.00, check for \$2,600.00 Approved, and second vehicle, 11 passenger van in the amount of \$36, 500.00, Approved for \$3,650.00.

President King talked about the upcoming State Convention and the Trivia Challenge that will be given to all Councils that attend the Hospitality Suite on Friday evening. The challenge was made up by Dale Foust and pertains to the MR Foundation. The winning Council will be awarded a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used to assist there needs in there area for the Group Homes or there designated MR facility. Mike Porter ask all MR Board members that will be present Friday evening to help Dale in the room to distribute and collect the forms and grade them at the appropriate time for the check presentation on Sunday.

Byron Nestler, PR Chairman for the foundation ask those that live by our Group Homes to get pictures of them and e-mail them to him. He also ask you also to advise how many clients live in the homes and the location. He's hoping to do a Power-Point presentation at the Convention and this would be something the Council's could grasp onto.

Discussion was next on setting a "MR Week for Tennessee" and getting all, or as many as possible to do there fund raising during that week. Several day's were mentioned, tax free weekend, then the early months before cold weather. We also need to keep in mind the need for Permits and our Insurance Policy because of restraints on both. Mike Porter also said it would be good to involve Andy Telli, editor of the Register for Middle Tn. Andy can get information to both east and west Catholic papers to let them know when the Knights are conducting drives. Your local Parish Bulletins are a good source also.

Old Business next, John said all those members that are up for re-election on June 30, 2011 have submitted there names to be re-elected, so we will not have any openings at the convention this year.

New Business, Bob Rounsefell ask that the 8 Councils that are in moratorium be removed from the lists so the other councils won't think they aren't doing fund raisers. It was brought up that several meeting's back a name change from MR Foundation be taken under consideration. We work with the Mentally (retarded)Challenged and that is how our incorporation was chartered. Being politically correct isn't always a good way to go and most board members agreed, so we will not pursue this at this time.

Marty Duke, legal council in Gino Marchetti's office was present he advised on how to go about a name change with the State and IRS if it was what we had wanted to do.

George Hirtz said we needed to make sure the Councils know that any Grant requests be submitted in a timely manner, that seeing and reading them at the Board meeting is not appropriate. All agreed on this matter. The Committee's need time to investigate them before bringing them before the Board.

Jim Simpson advised that anyone that hasn't seen the Moving Viet Nam Wall, it will be in Camden, TN from May 19-23. It is an exact replica of the one in Washington, DC. It will continue to Memphis after that.

John King thanked us for being here for the meeting, have a safe trip home and hope to see us at the State Convention, and to have a Happy Easter.

Mike Porter led us in the Closing Prayer.

John King-President

Submitted by:

Bill Gunter- Secretary