

positions up for election were, President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These members went unopposed, and were elected by acclamation. John King, President, John Janicek, Treasurer and Bill Gunter, Secretary.

With Hunter's wife in a nursing home, Bill Wicke has stepped in to assist in this years drive. Bill will be the drive chairman till Hunter returns, or till June 30, 2012 if necessary. Bill said some funds are coming in from the council drives and should increase as 2011 comes to an end. President King said there was some improvement in Hunter's wife, she's awake more now, and recognizes Hunter, but it will be a long recovery. Hunter has advised he will return when he can, please continue to pray for the family.

The name change was next on the agenda, some felt to be politically correct we should change from M. R. Foundation, Inc. After our last meeting, President King appointed Director Rounsfall to research other states as to what they do in regard to those with "intellectual disabilities". Bob talked with State Deputies from Oklahoma, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Texas, and Alabama.

He didn't contact all 79 jurisdictions for obvious reasons. Some aren't as involved as Tennessee, they don't have homes or help to get van's for those group homes in there states. Most seem to let the council's donate to whomever they want in there area's. Georgia has a name of "Columbian Charities of Georgia" and are more in line as what we do and refer to there program as People with Intellectual Disabilities and they have a 60-40 percent distribution, with the 60% going to the council's.

Texas has a name of "State Council Charities", the councils make collections, give the money to the state, which then gives the Bishop's 70% and retain the remaining 30%, with nothing going back to the local councils. They support Special Olympics, Education Grants and Emergency relief. After Bob's report, we decided to leave it alone, sometime being politically correct isn't the best way to go.

Byron Nestler, our PR man was next on the agenda. Byron ask that all pictures and write ups be sent to him electronically so he could do a power point and get it on the web. It also would be easier to cut disc's too. He, along with Fred and Jack will also develop a mission statement for the Foundation, with Fred as the chairman of the group.

Under new business, Mike Porter ask that the Foundation take out a full page add in the State Council Booklet for the State Convention and also appoint the board members who will be the Foundations representatives in April. President King, Treasurer Janicek and PR man Byron Nestler were appointed. Everything was approved by acclamation.

Grants were up next, and Bob Johnson, Vehicle Grants chairman sent paperwork with John Janicek that he had not received any requests.

Jim Simpson was unable to attend due to illness, he sent all the Council Grant requests to President King for reading.

Grant 11-16 submitted by Council 10743 of Elizabethton for the Carter County Schools for \$5,000.00 to upgrade the kitchen at Unaka High School that has 17 Intellectually challenged students in special education classes. Grant Approved.

Grant 11-17 submitted by Council 6321 Millington for Special Olympics area 8 for the swim and golf teams and gas money for transportation in the amount of \$250.00. It was determined the Council has \$1,100.00 in their MR Fund and should use those monies first. Grant Denied.

Grant 11-18 submitted by Council 10010 of Gallatin for \$5,000.00 for the Sumner Special Housing for a short fall in the construction of there newest home just completed and dedicated in honor of Director Emeritus Anderjack. They have no debt on any of the properties. Grant Approved.

Grant 11-19 submitted by Council 8152 Crossville for \$5,000.00 for ARC of Cumberland County Special Olympics which has an annual operating cost of \$19,750.00. Grand Approved.

Grant 11-20 submitted by council 4563, ST. Rose of Lima, Murfreesboro to modify Church property to assist handicapped, also need upgrade to home of \$20,100 with grant request for \$11,180.00 to make property ADA ready. Grant Denied, does not meet M.R. Board criteria.

Grant 11-21 submitted by 12012 St. Henry, Nashville for \$5,000.00 for Mer-Ci Homes. They house 60 residents and care givers at this home, up from 30 last year. The combined Council's of downtown Nashville and Assembly 1081 put this Christmas dinner and gifts presentation on each year, and donate time and talent to get the job done. They will take pictures of the check presentation and party for the client's. Grant Approved.

Grant 11-22 submitted by Council 5207 Knoxville for Sunshine Industries, Inc. for \$4,537.00 to purchase a new power lift for \$1,608.00 and a Plasma Cutter in the amount of \$2,929.00. Grant Approved, but check will not be written till the proper paperwork is received.

Grant 11-23 submitted by Council 4972 Donelson for matching grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Madison and Donelson homes, for \$1,000.00 each. Council does not have any funds in there account at this time, Grant Approved for the amount that will be received from them after there drive.

Grant 11-24 submitted by Council 9132 for the amount of \$ 5,000.00 for Sumner Special Housing for operating and contingency funds. It was determined this was a duplicate grant request and was Denied.

Grant 11-25 submitted by Council 544 for matching funds to go to Special Housing, the council has no funds in there account. It was to have donated \$26,000.00 to the M. R. Foundation from the sale of there club facility and that check has not been received. Request Denied due to no balance.

Grant 11-26 submitted by Council 3537 Clarksville for \$825.00 for the Group Home. For Christmas gifts and insurance for board of directors of the home and minor repairs. Grant Approved.

Next up from President King, the Board is still one member short, and he would like to see that person come from the upper west of the Memphis Diocese, around the Paris area. He will talk with board member Simpson and also a knight from the Paris area, Dick Hartfelder to find a person wanting to be on the board.

Homes Reports were next on the agenda, John Janicek talked about the Sumner Housing, they now have four homes up and running, two in Portland one in Gallatin and one on Hi-way 31 in Bethpage. That is the latest home and it was dedicated to former President Anderjack.

Bill Gunter gave a report on the Special Housing homes in Nashville and Madison, they are short on clients in both homes, the duplex has both sides with one client. The board now has a better relationship with HUD, and could possibly get a better grade of client for the homes. They are still losing money each quarter due to the empty beds.

Andy Vrba gave his report on the Morristown Home, it is now at full capacity again, and thanked the board for their presentation at the Kick Off meetings to get Council's to donate funds to the home, it helped stabilize the loss of funds. All the licenses are up to date, and they will probably have to replace the fire doors, they were deemed unsafe by the building inspector, they are waiting on the fire codes people to address the issue, the home is now 25 years old.

Jerry Headly reported on the Cowan Home, they just repaired the sprinkler system to meet codes, it is a 10 client facility, and they need several clients to be full. Winchester Council 3431 takes the clients to lunch or dinner monthly, and the home is run well.

John King reported on the Memphis facility and said it was a blessing to work with Youth Villages, they run the home well. They have two board meetings a year and all goes well.

John also advised there are 12 homes in the state, and he needs to get names and addresses of all of them. This information would not be placed on the web, but if a GK or Drive chairman wanted it, it would be given to them. He would like to see council membership visit these homes and see what our money does to assist these folks.

John talked about the new M. R. web-site and how things are progressing, J. R. Janicek is the web designer for the site and should be up and running soon. We will continue to use the State web also. Our January meeting will be done over the Internet, more information to follow on when and how. March, we will go to the Hendersonville area, where we can visit one of the homes, probably the Gallatin one since it also has a pavilion, John Janicek will coordinate with Housing President Bob Johnson to accomplish this. The Tri-Fold handout is still a work in

progress, Byron is working on that. Hopefully we can get the Grant request's electronically, to speed them up. We also have access to the new web-site the following is how; www.mrfoundationtn.org .

Open Discussion; several things were discussed, asking for invoices to show where grant monies went, follow up by the council to check that is was used for what was requested, and pictures. Mike Wills ask the board to donate \$500.00 to the Cowan Home to show our respect and to honor past president Anderjack for the years he and Lucy worked for the foundation. Also, give recognition to Chris Anderjack for her dedication to her father after Lucy's passing. Marty Duke, representing our legal council said he enjoyed the meeting and didn't see anything that needed addressed.

President King thanked all of us for being at the meeting, to make a point to visit our assigned councils and convey to them to visit a home in there area if possible.

Closing Prayer by Mike Porter, meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

John King-President

Submitted by:

Bill Gunter- Secretary