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**Minutes from November 17, 2012 Meeting, Burns, TN**

Meeting called to order at 08:30 am by President King. Opening prayer given by Hunter Nolen. In attendance were John King- President, Mike Porter- VP, Bill Gunter- Sec., John Park- State Secretary, Fred Laufenberg, Ed Wilson, Jack McKusker, Jim Simpson, Tom Spencer, Bob Johnson, Hunter Nolen- Drive Chairman, Andy Vrba, Bob Rounsefell, George Hirtz, Tom Manning, and Dale Foust.. Excused were Father Kinney, John Janicek- Treasurer, Mike Wills- State Deputy, and Jerry Headley.

John then gave his opening remarks, and first he advised us that George Hirtz was resigning from the board due to failing health of both he and his wife. John reminded us that we are responsible to find a replacement if we are leaving the board for any reason. He then read thank you notes from the Anderjack family and his wife Barbara's family in the passing of their fathers. John stated there is a priority for us to visit our assigned councils, to assist in any way with drive information.

Next were the minutes of the previous meeting, everyone had a copy and it was ask we approve as written with one change, John Park was not present as written. Minutes were approved as written with the one change.

Hunter Nolen gave the drive report to date, money is coming in and he asks we contact the councils that have large monies sitting unused to find ways to get it used up. Mike Porter gave some ways to have a State wide drive, earlier than the October-November that most councils try to do, like the Tax-Free shopping day in August. Fred Laufenberg said a good thing to do would get it done before the Salvation Army got out ringing the bells. Bob Rounsefell , Dale Foust, and Andy Vrba also had remarks on timing, etc. President King also stated we need to look at the type of Apron's we have and discard any that mention Mentally Retarded, too many people are offended by that wording.

John then gave the Treasurer's report in John Janicek's absence, everything is in good shape and our investments are doing well.

Next up were the Grant's;

Council 3537 Clarksville submitted a grant request for \$14,500.00 for there group home to have a new roof and other repair's, the home is 21 years old. Grant 13/1 approved for \$14,500.00.

Council 7449 Germantown submitted a grant request for \$4,937.00 for Martha Manor Day Program for women. Home needed pluming repairs and I-Pads for 6, and computer help. Grant 13-2 approved for \$4,935.00

Council 9282 Hermitage submitted a grant for \$7,500.00 to purchase 10 I-Pads and apps needed to assist the Empower me Day Camp. Most client's can't speak and this will assist the workers in knowing what there needs are. Grant 13-03 approved for \$7,500.00.

Council 7086 Paris submitted a grant request for \$2,000.00 for road improvement for a wheelchair bound student that the bus can't get down the road. Grant 13-4 was denied, but a donation was made to the council in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the improvements to be made with a letter of full accountability of the funds.

Council 8152 Crossville submitted a grant request for \$5,000.00 to Robert's Group Home for Women for replacement of flooring at a cost of \$18,469.00 Grant 13-05 approved for \$5000.00

Council 8152 Crossville submitted a grant request for \$5,622.00 for repairs to the Men's Group Home. Grant 13-06 approved for \$5,622.00

Council 10010 Gallatin submitted a grant for \$4,624.75 for the group home at 124 Hidden Trail in Gallatin to replace flooring, a wall and sub-flooring due to a water pipe break in a bathroom. Grant 13-07 approved for \$4,624.75.

Vehicle Grant's were next and Bob Johnson, chairman gave the following report.

V13-1 by Council 14902 Sparta submitted the 10% grant of \$18,780.00 for 6 vehicles which were approved by TNDOT and the State in the amount of 187,980.00. Grant approved for \$18,780.00.

Fred Laufenberg bought new decals for all the vehicles we have in service in Tennessee and ask for reimbursement for \$520.00 he paid for those decals. Request approved.

BREAK from 10:06am till 10:30 am.

President King called meeting back to order, and ask for Group Home reports.

Jim Simpson had no report on the New Bern home, he's been unable to contact anyone to visit and doesn't want to drive there and be refused.

Bill Gunter reported on Nashville Special Housing two group homes and duplex. They are still loosing money due to HUD's way of only allowing 3 clients and a caregiver, these homes were built in late 1980's to accommodate 7 or 8 clients. They are still trying to find a replacement for New Horizon's who would like out of the contract.

Andy Vrba gave a report on the Morristown home and is still down several clients. He stated they have received a donation from an outside the area council.

Ed Wilson reported on the Clarksville home and said they were short on clients that the home was in need of repair and the grant would help. He stated they had sold the old van and are looking for new management for the home.

Bob Johnson reported on Sumner Special Housing and the 4 homes they operate. They can accommodate 12 clients and presently have only 10. Hat's is the operator of all four homes and places the clients for them. He also stated they have \$15,000.00 toward a fifth home to have construction started once they have \$25,000.00, so hopefully they will in the spring of 2013 or will have to return the money.

John King reported on the Memphis home, said all is going well and said the Youth Village group that runs the home does a great job.

New Business next, description of board members job description and guidelines to be submitted by Bob Rounsefell, and the current by-laws state that a member must be present at 3 of the 4 scheduled meeting's each year. Will look at changing the by-laws to have 20 board members to co-inside with the State Council and there 20 Districts.

Gino Marchetti, General Council for the MR Foundation spoke next. Gino stated the board works well, talked about the Hand-in-Hand program at JP-II High School and new steps at Vanderbilt.

One DD wanted to use MR funds to give to the W/C Mission and was told no under any circumstances could that happen.

Open discussion was next and it concerned the State Convention and our hosting a room like last year. It was stated the delegates really enjoyed the room and learned about the Foundation and how things work. This year will only be snacks and deserts; there will be an Open Bar in the hall outside the room for those that want adult beverages with no expense to the Foundation.

Tom Manning, Bob Rounsefell and Fred Laufenberg will assist Mike Porter with a letter to councils to have all paperwork in to Hunter Nolen by March 15, 2013.

Our next meeting will be a tele-conference in February, date to be determined.

Hunter was called on to give the final blessing and meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm

Respectfully submitted for John King-President

Bill Gunter-Secretary

