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*Minutes of the March 18, 2010, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Stephen F. Doss*  
*Robert Franken*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Caroline Korybut*  
*Philip Minden*  
*Nina R. North Murphy*  
*Roy Wilson, M.D.*

*Don Cuvo, Executive Director*

*The Meeting was chaired by Secretary/Treasurer Nina R. North Murphy.*

**Community Comments** – Pastor David Battle and Lt. Fred Turner, *Homicide Ministers and Community Alliance*, introduced their homicide victims family advocacy initiative to assist families who have lost loved ones due to homicide. HMCA volunteer pastors are called upon by St. Louis City and County police after a murder. They assist families with all aspects of the grief/recovery process.

Lori Reynolds and Mary Winfield, BJC *Lifestyles* program, spoke about the health benefits of the program, which assists persons with serious behavior disorders to more effectively deal with chronic health conditions. A program participant passed a picture of herself at a much heavier weight.

Dan Underwood, *Legal Services of Eastern Missouri*, provided an update on their MHB funded program which provides educational and legal advocacy for children in children's division care who live in an institutional setting.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the January 2010, meeting were approved as mailed.

**Announcements** – Nina Murphy announced that she was chairing the meeting because Chair Marguerite Grandelious was unable to attend and Brooke Sehy had resigned after moving to St. Louis County. Don Cuvo said MHB had been recognized in recent months by two organizations. He showed a Board of Aldermen Resolution presented by the 27<sup>th</sup> Ward Organization. He, also, showed an award from Gateway for Giving recognizing MHB leadership, as a funder, with the immigrant/refugee issues.

**Nomination of Officers** – Leon Ashford, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Officers for a one year term, beginning April 1, 2010: Chair, Phil Minden; Vice Chair, Steve Doss; Secretary Treasurer: Nina Murphy. He asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he moved the election of the slate. The Nominating Committee's slate of Officers was elected.

**Bank Services Committee Report** –Robert Franken said that a committee was appointed consisting of Phil Minden, Dr. Wilson and himself to review proposals for banking services. Six banks responded to the Request for Proposals. Proposals were reviewed by Carl Toler and Dennis Purkis, MHB's financial consultants with AMD. PNC/National City, U.S. Bank and Midwest Bank Center were selected for interviews. The committee recommended, and the Trustees approved PNC/National City Bank to begin banking services, replacing U.S. Bank.

**Personnel Committee Report** – Nina Murphy reported that the Executive Committee, standing as the Personnel Committee, directed the Executive Director's evaluation. All Trustees were invited to participate by completing individual evaluation forms. The committee met with Don to provide feedback. Next month, Chair Marguerite Grandelious will provide more detail and a proposal for a contract extension.

**Proposed Housing Acquisition Partnership** – Board Counsel Bill Kuehling said that, at the January meeting, Trustees authorized the Executive Director to proceed with developing a plan to expand the availability of housing for persons with behavioral disorders. Since that time, St. Louis Equity Corporation has agreed to provide multi family housing units available from their stock reserved for affordable housing. Bill reviewed a Board Resolution approving up to one million dollars from reserve funds for this purpose. A second document was a Memorandum of Understanding between MHB and the St. Louis Equity Fund. Both documents were approved. Robert Franken made certain suggestions to ensure that MHB objectives would be truly realized.

