Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2014

President Shelbi Hindel called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, MariLyn Piepho, Carol Akers, Laverne Nevis, Stephanie Claytor, Beth Debus, and Annette Lutz.

This has been the first official meeting since April. The May meeting was canceled due to it being the Memorial Day weekend. There wasn’t a quarum for the June meeting, but those present had a good discussion with representatives from Legal Rights Ohio regarding health care benefits and vocational rehabilitation concerns. The July meeting was cancelled due to it being hel during the BELL program.

We were not able to hear the Presidential Release due to the organ music being played in the church.

A motion was made (Eric/Laverne) to accept the April minutes. Passed Unam.

There was no Treasurer’s report due to not having access to the bank account information. Shelbi will be contacting PNC to fix the problem.

The BELL program was a big success again this year. There were 6 students, 4 from last year and 2 new participants. Shelbi thanked all who volunteered their time and money to this program, and stated that no assistance was too small.

There were plenty of M&M’s left over from the Chapter’s sale at National Convention. If anyone wanted to sell some, please let Shelbi know.

This year’s state convention will be held at the Holiday Inn 7007 N. High St. in Worthington Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Our national representative will be Dr. Mark Maurer. The affiliate will be holding a major fundraiser this year. Art Schweiber, a reporter who accompanied the Beatles on their first American tour 50 years ago, will discuss his experience. The John Schwab band will play golden Oldies, and there will be a “Not so” silent auction. The NFBO is looking for corporate sponsors for this event, and has prepared a flyer with all of the details. Contact Eric for more information.

A motion was made (MariLyn/Stephanie) for the chapter to donate a quilt similar to the one donated to last year’s national auction for the auction at state convention. Passed unam.

Anyone interested in buying NFB polo shirts should contac Eric. At least 12 shirts have to be ordered before it can be placed. Eric is hopeful that those helping out with Friday night’s activities at state convention will have shirts.

A motion was made (Stephanie/Beth) to donate $30 in gift cards for door prizes at state convention. Passed unam.

The NFBO Board meeting will be held on Saturday Sept. 20 at 10:00 at the convention hotel. The students division gift card drawing will be held at this meeting.

The Capital Chapterhs been selected by NFBO President Eric Duffy to be a part of the NFB’ 75 days of action campaign as a chapter that needs growth. Many ideas were discussed as to ways to grow the chapter this fall. No final decisions were made, but Eric asked members to give it some thought.

Shelbi updated the information of those present for this year’s Gavel awards.

Shelbi recognized Eric’s recent publication of his article in the Braille Monitor. The article appeared in the Buckeye Bulletin and it concerned Non 24 sleep disorder.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Lutz