Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by President Shelbi Hindel.

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, MariLyn Piepho, Angela Clark, Carole Akers, Stephanie Claytor, Beth Debus, Brian White and Annette Lutz. Dustin and Max were also present.

The minutes were unavailable to be accepted, so they will be voted on at the Oct. 26 meeting.

Stephanie gave the Treasurer’s report. The currentbank balance is $663.63. The issues with the bank have been resolved. A motion was made (Angela/MariLyn) to accept the report. Passed Unam.

Eric played this month’s Presidential Release consisting of the following highlights:

The NFB held a protest at Source America against that organization’s continued practice of paying disabled workers subminimum wages, and their continued lobbying against the Fair Wages for Disabled Workers Act.

The announcement of the new KNFB Reader iPhone App that takes a picture of printed material and reads it aloud. (Eric later demonstrated.)

The 75 days of Action campaign to begin 75 new NFB chapters and strengthen 75 existing chapters nationwide.

This summer’s BELL Program successes. BELL was held in 23 states.

The concern over higher education’s speaking out over the TEACH Act

There was some discussion about this year’s state convention, to be held at the Holiday Inn 7007 N. High St. Oct.30-Nov. 2. The NFBO Board voted to have their meeting on Thursday evening in order to allow time Friday morning for small group activities and engaging events for BSVI Counselors. Some discussion took place about what type of activities to have. Eric also described the Friday night Beatles fundraiser in more detail, including plans for the silent auction. A motion was made (Carole/Stephanie) for the chapter to donate $100 towards the materials needed to create the 2 OSU quilts for both the state convention and the national auctions. Passed Unam.

The Capital Chapter was selected by Eric to be Ohio’s chapter needig strengthened for the 75 Days of Action Campaign. He proposed an idea of combining a membership and Christmas party to invite current and perspective members to a buffet dinner at a restaurant for fun and information about the NFB. The affiliate will contribute money to pay for one blind person and one guest to this event. Annette wil chair this event and will report in Oct.

Annette provided the reading report for the month. She talked about an article in the Kernel Book, Standing on One Foot written bya blind woman who struggled with the call to jury duty. She was tempted to use her blindness as an excuse to get out of the inconvience, but realized that this went against the principle’s of the NFB that she lived by every day. Shelbi will provide next month’s report.

Stephanie will look into the Chapter doing readings at the main library one Saturday in October for “Meet the Blind Month.”

It was decided to hold the Oct. meeting at the Graceland Bob Evan’s on Sunday the 26 at 3:00 to take advantage of the Dine to Donate program. A motion was made (Angela/Beth) to continue to hold the Chapter meetings the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 after that. Passed Unam.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 followed by Max’s birthday party!

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Lutz