Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Minutes

March 22, 2015

President Shelbi Hindel brought the meeting to order at 3:00.

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, Stephanie Claytor, MariLyn Pietho, Beth Debus, Hannah DeFelice, Carol Akers, and Annette Lutz. Dustin and Max were also present.

There was no Treasurer’s report available due to computer issues. However, Stephanie was able to report that the craft sale generated $55 and the Bob Evans dinner generated $68 to the Chapter.

The minutes from the Nov. meeting were unavailable. Annette will resubmit both the Oct. and Nov. minutes.

Shelbi shared the sad news of the passing of Cynthia Johnson, OSSB Superintendant. The chapter will send a sympathy card.

This year’s BELL camp wil be held at OSSB from June 22-July 3. Contributions of cash and supplies are welcome. If anyone wants to provide supplies, please have them in by June 1.

Shelbi described one of NFBO’s Divisions, the National Association of the Promotion of the Use of Braille, (NAPUB) and encouraged chapter members to join. Annual dues is $5.00, and they typically hold their annual meeting as a breakfast at state convention.

The “Drive for 75” campaign is still underway. Currently the Cleveland chapter is holding a lottery raffle where participants buy a ticket related to the daily Ohio Lottery drawing. Tickets are $5.00 and are good for all April drawings. If interested in purchasing a ticket, contact CherylFisher or or Annette can get you in touch with someone. We will also be planning a fundraising event in Columbus in the near future for this campaign.

The national convention of the NFB will be held in Orlando, Florida July 5-10. Pre-registration is going on now at the NFB website. The deadlie to apply for state assistance to attend is April 15. If you need an application, contact Eric. Also, whether you need assistance or not, please let Eric know if you plan to attend.

A motion was made (MariLyn/Eric) for the chapter to donate $30 worth of gift cards, bought through Scrip, for convention door prizes. Passed Unam.

A motion was made (Eric/Annette) for the chapter to donate $25 to the White Cane fund. Passed Unam.

A motion was made (Eric/Stephanie) for the chapter to donate $25 to the TenBroek fund. Passed Unam.

A motion was made (Stephanie/MariLyn) for the chapter to donate $25 toBELL. Passed Unam.

MariLyn gave the article report concerning Justice Bernstein, a blind Michigan Supreme Court Justice. A discussion followed concerning the mixed feelings that the members had concerning his appointment. On one hand, he is a blind man who has achieved a very public, high ranking position, demonstrating the abilities of the blind, but his lack of support for Braille is a concern. Stephanie will provide next month’s report.

There was some discussion about whether or not the chapter should begin a new fundraising project. However, it was decided to table any ideas until the next meeting. Shelbi did state that the chapter is selling ponytail scrunchies at the Church’s store, where we will receive 75% of the proceeds, and give the other 25% to the church.

A review of the Scrip program was made, how to sign up and use the program to make money for the affiliate. Annette promised to sign on and use Scrip for at least her business’s Sam’s purchases. (It’s in the minutes now, so I have to be held to it!)

There was a reminder of the affiliate’s Mally’s fundraiser. Anyone who buys at least $60 worth of their wonderful chocolates gets free shipping, but if you would like something for less than that, contact Eric, and he will help coordinate small orders. The deadline for ordering is March 30.

It was decided to wait until fall to revisit the membership drive event for the chapter.

Shelbi mentioned that due to a series of events, the OSSB Louis Braille pizza party did not happen this year. The chapter had already purchased a $100 Domino’s gift card for this event, so some discussion took place on what to do with it. It was decided to possably use the card for BELL or hold on to it for next year’s OSSB party.

Shelbi reminded everyone that chapter dues is now due. Please bring it to the next meeting if you haven’t already paid.

The next meeting of the NFBO Board is April 11 at 10:00. The new call in number is 712-775-7031, and the access code is 900797801. All are welcome to attend.

Eric mentioned that efforts are being made to change the OOD structure from the current Commission format to a rehabilitation Council. Other states whose structured this way seem to have a better input from the disability community. Eric is pleased with the response so far from Kevin Miller, and is hopeful that this can be achieved in about a year.

This month’s Presidential release included the following highlights:

A summary of some of the activities of the organization for Read Across America day, including the reading of a poem written by the BELL Coordinators emphasizing the importance of Braille.

Information about the revamping of the section 508 regulations concerning website accessability, and how to leave comments.

A description for a fitness seminar to be held at the Colorado center this Spring.

The next chapter meeting will be held on April26.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Lutz