Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2015

President Shelbi Hindel brought the meeting to order at 3:10.

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, Angela Clark, Stephanie Claytor, Carol Akers, Aleha Dudley, and Annette Lutz.

Shelbi played this month’s Presidential Release which included the following highlights:

A wrap-up of this year’s National Convention, including some discussion of the world record breaking umbrella mosaic

A discussion of two available books: one by Ever Lee Hairston talking about her life as a blind person an her work in the Federation and an upcoming ebook about the Federation’s 75 anniversary

An upcoming CD featuring new songs performed at convention

The availability of 75th anniversary jewelry through Sorelasjewerly.com,

A call to email the Dept. of Labor committee regarding thoughts about the payment of subminimum wages to the disabled. This can be done at integratedcompetativeemployment@dol.gov.

Some discussion took place by chapter members about their experiences at convention. Many people enjoyed the umbrella world record event. Carole talked about her work with the youth at convention and how inspiring it was.

Shelbi highlighted the work of the Cancer Survivors Division of the NFB. She stated that their mission was to assist those afflicted with cancer to have information in accessable formats and provide general support. The division meets weekly via conference call.

Stephanie gave the Treasurer’s report, stating that the Chapter’s current balance was $521.33. A motion was made (angela/Eric) to accept the report as presented. Pass Unam.

A motion was made (Stephanie/Angela) to accept the May minutes as presented. Passed unam.

Shelbi mentioned that the affiliate was starting a new fundraiser campaign through Schwans Cares. Schwans is a home delivery frozen food retailer. The campaign starts on Monday July 27, and more information will be coming out on Ohio Talk shortly.

The next Scrip release wil be on August 3. Shelbi encouraged more participation in this ongoing fundraiser.

Eric gave a wrap-up report on the success of this year’s BELL Program. We had one additional participant this year, a 4 year old girl. The students and volunteers went to the Ohio Historical Society and had assistance from an Ohio State intern. It is great how this program keeps improving each year.

Carol gave the Monitor report, discussing an article about Federationist Ever Lee Hairston, the author mentioned in the Presidential Release. The article highlighted her struggles growing up as a blind person and was very inspirational. Annette will do next month’s report.

Shelbi shared the outstanding news that the Capital Chapter was awarded a charitable trust in the amount of $101,468.28 from a woman named Mary Jane Griffith, who died in 2011. By rule, 50% of this trust will go to the NFB national office, and their experts will advise the Chapter on how to handle the remaining balance.

Stephanie brought up the possibility of future fundraiser projects. Some discussion took place about selling Harry London candy bars. A motion was made (aleha/Eric) to pursue selling the candy bars based on information gathered by Stephanie. Passed unam.

Annette, Eric, and Stephanie will work as a committee for putting together a membership building event sometime in October to coincide with Meet the Blind Month.

Shelbi will look at the possibility of using the church for a Saturday morning meeting schedule. We will discuss moving the meeting times in August.

Annette mentioned a new food delivery app called “Skip the Dishes” but hasn’t tried it yet.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully Submitted:

Annette Lutz