Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 27, 2015

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

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, Stephanie Claytor, Angela Clark, JimDebus, MariLyn Pietho, Jordi Stringer, J.W. Smith, and Annette Lutz.

A motion was made (Eric/J.W.) to accept the August minutes as presented. Passed unam.

Stephanie reported the bank balance as $371.54, which included deductions for the cake and candy bars as the Treasurer’s report. A motion to accept (Angela/Stephanie) was made and passed unam.

All members were encouraged to use NewsLine. A brief description was given of the service and its varying available formats. Some new features include a recent book published by the NFB and an NFB national channel.

Some highlights of the previous day’s NFBO Board meeting were shared. They included discussion about the upcoming State convention, to be held Nov. 19-22 at the Doubletree in Independence. Eric also shared the Board’s concern about the lack of support from the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD), and invited everyone to share any recent concerns over their lack of effective service. This will be a large topic of discussion at convention.

A motion was made (Stephanie/J.W.) to donate $40 in Scrip gift cards for convention door prizes. Passed Unam. Shelbi will order them and make sure they get into the right hands.

Jim reported that he had spoken to those in charge at OSSB about the planned Louis Braille party in January, but was told to come back in November because they are not planning out that far ahead. They did seem interested in having people to serve as student mentors or volunteers for such activities as the upcoming track meet.

Shelbi appointed a nominating committee to prepare for the upcoming Chapter elections to be held at the Nov. meeting. The committee will consist of J.W. (Chair), Stephanie, and Annette.

Shelbi asked everyone’s assistance in completing this year’s chapter Gavel report by informing her of any activities that members participated in within the organization, or any volunteer work outside the NFB that helped promote the issues of blindness.

A card and check for $500.00 was presented to the church in appreciation for their continued support of the chapter in allowing us to meet there and to be a part of their church family.

Shelbi reported on the NFB Division, the National Association for the Promotion of the Use of Braille (NAPUB), which holds its annual meeting at state convention during a Sat. morning breakfast, and will be putting on a play as a fundraiser on Friday night.

A protest demonstration had been scheduled in New York against their school’s decision to use inaccessible electronic devices in their classrooms, leaving out blind students and staff in any activities where they would be used. Eric and Shelbi had planned to attend, but the school Board is reconsidering the decision, so the protest has been cancelled for now. Stay tuned.

The NFBO Board voted to once again participate in the Malley’s Chocolates fundraiser this Christmas and Easter. More information wil be forthcoming. However, the affiliate is continueing to raise money through the Schwans Cares and Scrip campaigns. All are encouraged to participate.

The chapter will be selling candy bars to raise money. Stephanie has bars to distribute for anyone who wants to help.

Jim spoke of an idea to raise awareness, and membership through a program sponsored by Very Special Arts, consisting of a speaker and a movie that portrays blindness in a possative manner. He will do more research and report at the Nov. meeting. In the meantime, the Membership Committee will continue to work on building the Chapter.

Since the quilt that the Chapter donated to last year’s Bid for Equality auction didn’t make it on time, it was decided to donate it this year. A motion was made (Angela/Stephanie) to add 2 dozen buckeyes to the quilt to make the prize even more “Ohio”. Passed Unam.

Shelbi reported that the church would be available for us to use on Saturdy mornings anytime before noon. A motion was made (J.w./Eric) to move future meetings to the first Sat. of each month, beginning in Nov., between 10:00 and noon. Passed Unam. The date for the next meeting is now Nov. 7.

A motion was made (Eric/Annette) to participate in the church’s craft bazarre again this year. Passed Unam.

A motion was made (J.w./Stephanie) to set aside $500.00 to assist chaptr members to attend state convention. The assistance will take the form of paying registration at the early price and banquet tickets. Passed Unam. If interested in receiving this assistance, you must let Shelbi know by Nov. 1.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully Submited,

Annette Lutz