Capital Chapter

NationalFederation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Saturday January 9, 2016

President Shelbi Hindel brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Attended by- Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, MariLyn Pietho, Jordi Stringer, Jim Debus, Carole Akers, Misty Hatcher, and Annette Lutz. Also in attendance were a couple and their blind children who had interest in the NFB, however their names were not recorded.

Erik Burdock from COSI gave a presentation on their upcoming plans to make the museum more accessable to the blind. COSI has received a grant from the NFB to help accomplish this. Mr. Burdock gave several examples of some of the exhibits under consideration, as well as some new exhibits that may be of interest. He also described ideas on how to make the mobility of the museum more blind friendly, and asked for the future assistance of members in achieving this goal over the next few years. Members were excited about the possabilities and gave many suggestions.

A motion was made (MariLyn/Eric) to accept the November minutes as presented. Passed Unam.

There was no Tresurer’s report.

Eric stated that he had arranged for this year’s OSSB Louis Braille party will be held on Thursday January 28 at 6:30. We are expecting about 25 students to attend. Eric will be working with Misty and Jim to plan activities. Anyone who will be attending should let Eric know ahead of time so he knows how much pizza to order.

Several chapter members will be attending this year’s Washington Seminar, being held the week of January 25. NFB delegates will be meeting with Congressional representatives to discuss the following topics:

The AIMHE Act (formely the TEACH Act) to allow educational materials to be more accessable for the blind

The “Space Available” Act to allow blind and disabled veterans access to free travel on military flights

The Work Act to stop the discriminatory law that currently allows disabled workers in sheltered workshops to receive subminimum wages

And, the Marrakash Treaty to allow the sharing of Braille materials internationally

Eric encouraged those not attending the Seminar to contact their Representatives to lend support for these topics.

Carole described the upcoming “Marching for Independence” 5K run that will be held as part of a charity event this June 26. This project is to raise money to assist people to attend National Convention. Those interested can help in many ways, including being a running/walking participant, a “non-participating” participant, where you pay to receive the accolades, but don’t actually run, or to support a participant. More information is available on the Ohio Talk list serve, or by contacting Carole.

Eric also stated that the NFBO Board is sponsoring a second 5K run to be eld in October to raise money specifically for the affiliate. More information will be forthcoming.

Shelbi stated that the NFBO Board will be meeting next Saturday January 16 vi conference call using the regular call in number.

Since J.W. wasn’t present, there was no Monitor report for this meeting. J.W. will report next month.

Eric encouraged everyone to read the new ebook describing the 75 years of the NFB. This book is available in many places, including Newsline.

A motion was made (Annette/Jim) to buy $20 in Scrip gift cards for Krispy Kreme doughnuts for the next meeting’s refreshments. MariLyn will bring hot cider. Yummy!

Jim stated that he had several items to donate to the Students’ Division Auction to be held at Washington Seminar, but needs assistance to ship them there. He also had a massage chair that would be available for auction, but would be shipped to the winner. A motion was made (Eric/Annette) for the chapter to pay for the shipment of all the smaller items to Washington, as well as the shipping cost for the massage chair to the winning bidder. Passed Unam. Shelbi reminded Jim to turn any receipts into Stephanie.

Jordi is continuing to work on the Facebook page for the Chapter, and will take pictures after the meeting.

Annette described a service where Audio Described movies/tv shows were available for free called “blindmicemegamall.com” The catch is that there is no video.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Lutz