Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2016

President Shelbi Hindel brought the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Attended by- Shelbi Hindel, Eric Duffy, Jordy Stringer, J.W. Smith, Mike Leiterman, Alex Crawford, Misty Hatcher, and Annette Lutz

A motion was made (Eric/Jordy to accept the March minutes as distributed. Passed Unam.

Stephanie was not present, so there was no Treasurer’s report presented. However, Eric reported the balance in the Trust account at $18,300. Some members expressed concern over the lack of updated Treasurer’s reports. Shelbi will contact Stephanie to get an update for the next meeting if Stephanie can’t attend.

Shelbi described her recent Leadership Seminar in Baltimore to some extent. She stated that most of the material is confidential, but found it to be very informative.

A motion was made (J.W./Annette) for the Chapter to purchase NFB water bottles at the cost of $250 to sell at the upcoming Walmart event, and for participants at the BELL Program this summer. Passed Unam.

Shelbi will be making the arrangements for the Walmart event for next month, and will let everyone know the details.

A motion was made (Jordy/Eric) for the Chapter to provide up to $500.00 assistance for each member wanting to attend National Convention, if that member has attended at least 3 chapter meetings between January 1st and May 7th. Of this year. Passed Unam. Anyone interested in receiving this assistance must contact Shelbi directly.

The rest of the meeting was used to update the Chapter Constitution. A copy of the changed document is attached. Highlights of the changes include the following:

Article IV- All Officers and board members must be blind. No Proxy votes for elections will be accepted, everyone voting must be present.

Article V- At large Board Member must be blind. The Board can be polled via phone or email.

Article VI- Language has been added concerning the nominating committee.

Article IX- Financial obligations do not have to be done solely by check.

Throughout the document, gender neutral terminology has replaced such language as his/her.

A motion was made (Eric/Annette) to accept the changes. Passed Unam. However, some individual votes did take place for the issue of whether or not all Board members should be blind. This change did pass with a majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Lutz