Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Saturday November 5, 2016

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

Attended by: Shelbi Hindel, Mike Leiterman, Heather Leiterman, J.W. Smith, Dustin Granstaff, Linda Pennington, Marilyn Deweese, MariLyn Piepho, Carol Akers, Denver Jones, Laura Kolb, David Kolb, Stephanie Claytor, Misty Hatcher and Annette Lutz. Also present were guest Katie Crawford and Jason Bundy.

Stephanie reported the current bankbalance as $602.28. This includes a deposit of $80 of proceeds raised at the North Market event. The bequest balance is $10,962.83. This includes most of the deductions for upcoming convention assistance. A motion was made (J.W./Mike) to accept the Treasurer’s report. Passed unam.

PaulGrynuik was a guest speaker from Foody Cards, a fundraising company that provides decks of actual playing cards that double as local restaurant coupons. Mr. Grynuik stated that for every deck that was sold for $30, the chapter would make $10, with the 5th deck raising the entire $30 as profit. Currently, decks are available for Columbus, Cincinnati, and Toledo, with future plans to expand to other Ohio cities. There is no up front cost to the chapter for the cards; they are given on consignment until the end date of the planned sale, when any unsold decks would be returned to the company. In addition, sales can be made directly to customers, as well as through preorders and online. The company would assist with marketing materials and a website for sales. After some discussion, a motion was made (MariLyn/Heather) for the chapter to sell Foody Cards beginning immediately. Passed with J.W. and Mike abstaining. Carole will be the chapter’s point person for this project.

Shelbi pointed out that Capital Chapter was well represented in the agenda for the upcoming state convention, with herself, Annette, and the Leitermans all taking part as featured presenters. She also reminded everyone to make sure that their registration for convention was secured.

Elections for the upcoming year were held. J.W. chaired the Nomination Committee and presented the following slate of candidates:

President: Shelbi Hindel

Vice-President: Heather Leiterman

Secretary: Annette Lutz

Treasurer: Laura Kolb

Board Member: Alex Crawford

All slated candidates ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation with the exception of Treasurer, where Stephanie Claytor was nominated from the floor. After a silent vote, Laura Kolb was elected.

Shelbi reminded everyone to sign up for NFB List serves at nfbnet.org. There ar email lists for both the Capital Chapter and the Ohio affiliate where much information is shared.

A motion was made (J.W./Annette) for the Chapter to provide $500 towards assistance to send chapter members to Washington Seminar. Passed with Mike voting against.

A motion was made (Carole/J.W.) for the chapter to cease the past practice of allowing new members who pay their first dues in the last few months of the year, to be covered through the following calendar year; and that dues for all members be due in January. Passed with Mike and Laura voting against. Laura, as Treasurer, will keep track of whose paid and who isn’t. A motion was made (Denver/J.W.) that all those who pay dues be given some kind of receipt of their payment. Passed Unam.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold this year’s Christmas party after the next meeting on December 3 at Spaghetti Warehouse. Dustin will make the arrangements and report on the list serve.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted:

Annette Lutz