Capital Chapter

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Saturday November 4, 2017

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

Attended by- Shelbi Hindel, Dustin Granstaff, Wes Darby, Megan Weiner, Cindy Gamble, Jim Debus, Dale Pennington, Marilyn Pennington, Heather Leiterman, Mike Leiterman, Misty Hatcher, and Annette Lutz.

A motion was made (Heather/Dustin) to accept the minutes from the October meeting as distributed. Passed Unam.

Our chapter is mourning the loss of our long time Treasurer, Stephanie Claytor who died recently. She had many friends, and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers were expressed for her family and friends

Due to Stephanie’s passing, there was no Treasurer’s report presented. Shelbi did report that the Chapter did pay $45 towards annual affiliate dues.

Dustin reported that he had found 3 possible locations to hold our annual Christmas party after the December 2 meeting, the Rusty Bucket, The Spagheti Warehouse, and TAT Italian Restaurant. The group discussed pros and cons of each location, then a motion was made (Annette/Wes) to hold the gathering at the Rusty Bucket. Passed Unam.

A motion was made (Wes/Heather) to hold a gift exchange at the Christmas party where those participating bring a gift worth up to $10 and is gender neutral. Passed Unam.

Shelbi appointed Jim, Heather, and Wes as the planning committee for our upcoming Louis Braille party a OSSB. Jim will contact the school to schedule a date in January and report back in December.

Jim informed the group of an upcoming fitness event sponsored by USABA where blind individuals and groups wear a fitness monitoring bracelet that tracks activity and allows participants to compete on fitness levels. A motion was made (Heather/Wes) for our chapter to participate as a group in this challenge. Passed Unam.

A recap discussion took place regarding this year’s state convention. The big news is that our chapter won the Gavel award for the second year in a row, and will be presented with an actual gavel if we win again next year. We were also visible as the host chapter for the convention with plenty of volunteers working. Annette reported that our contribution for the auction, a Buckeye Gift Bag, brought in $75 for the affiliate, and the auction overall was a success. She also reported that the elections for affiliate board members took place Sunday morning, and that the same members were elected to another term.

Mike gave an update on state legislation concerns of the NFB. All 3 items presented to assembly members last spring are moving forward. Both Mike and Heather testified at hearings recently to promote the Parents Bill of Rights, and the forming of a State Rehabilitation Council. Everyone should watch out on Ohio Talk for upcoming updates and future opportunities to be heard. Another “Columbus Seminar” will be held on April 10th.

Annette gave the report of the nominating committee, and put forward the following slate of candidates for next year’s Chapter Board.

President- Annette Lutz

Vice-President- Heather Leiterman

Secretary- Cindy Gamble

Treasurer- Dale Pennington

Board Member- Shelbi Hindel.

Heather, Cindy, and Dale were all elected by acclamation when no other candidates were nominated from the floor for those positions.

Jim Debus was nominated from the floor for President and an election was held. Annette won after a voice vote.

Shelbi withdrew her name from consideration for Board Member and nominated Wes Darby, who was then elected by acclamation.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday December 2 at 10:00.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Lutz