**Capital Chapter**

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 3, 2018

**President:** Annette Lutz brought the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Attended By**:

Annette Lutz, President

Cindy Gamble, Secretary

Dale Pennington, Treasurer

Misty Hatcher, Member

Marilyn Pennington, Member

Mary Lynn, Member

Shelbi Hindelm, Member

Linda Pennington, Member

Asia Evans, Member

Jeremiah Williams, Member

Carolyn, Member

Dustin, Member

**Old Business**

A motion was made by Annette to accept the minutes that were circulated by email. Shelbi seconded the motion. The count was 11 to accept and 1 abstention.

**New Business**

1. **Treasurers Report** (Dale Pennington Treasurer) – The reported bank balance last month was $679.95. Seven people paid their dues last month and a $70 deposit was made which brings the balance to $749.95. Annette asked if the bank balance is after the check for $200 that was written for the pizza party and Dale said yes. Annette reported that she gave a check for $317 that was received for sales from last year’s National Convention.

The members that have paid their dues so far are:

Michael Leitherman

Heather Leiterman

Jereimiah Williams

Asia Evans

Cindy Gamble

Linda Pennington

Mr. or Miss Smith (unable to hear first name)

Angie Clark

Shelbi reported that she has a check from Angie for her dues but she forgot to bring it. Also, she said that Angie wrote the check for $20. So, she needs to touch base with Angie to see if this was a mistake or if she is paying dues for someone else.

Treasurers Report was voted upon and accepted, motion carried

1. **Social Media Presence:** Asia asked to receive emails that pertain to our meeting and Annette said that we have a list serve she can sign up for and find out all the information there. The address is NFBNET.ORG and search for Capital Chapter, Ohio. Wes was supposed to take over approving new people who sign up. We discussed getting a Twitter account but decided against it. We do have a Facebook page and Jordy was the administrator but is no longer with our chapter. Jeremiah offered to take over administration of our Facebook page, he will call Jordy for the password.
2. **Paratransit/COTA :** We were going to have guests come from the media to attend the meeting so we could discuss the issues that we are having with COTA but it was decided to wait until the April 7th meeting because there were people that were unable to attend this meeting. Namely, Dustin who was the spearhead. Annette will send out an email in advance as a reminder that we are doing this at the next meeting and for everyone to dress appropriately.
3. **Red White & Boom:** Annette was able to reach Jim Debus about the money that was collected for Red, White & Boom. He said that he never received a check. Mary Lynn said that she spoke with someone at parks & rec’s. who said that a check was made out to the City of Columbus and they would then in turn made a check out to our chapter. He will reach to them and find out who the check was made out to and whether or not it was cashed and follow up with Mary Lynn.
4. **Fundraisers**

Scripts – Purchase gift cards from their website and our chapter gets the credit. [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), Shelbi has the account number to provide to those who are interested. It was discussed whether or not we should attached the chapters checking account to the Scripts account. A motion was made by Cindy to attach the accounts to one another and seconded by Shelbi, motion carried, all in favor.

Easter Malleys Chocolates – Annette will send out the link on the capitol chapter list. We receive 25% if we hit $1000 in sales.

The Piggest Raffle Ever - $5 raffle tickets, our affiliate gets the money and the 1st prize is $5000 for you and the affiliate, 2nd prize is a car lease or 3rd prize is a weekend in Cincinatti, drawing is the first weekend in May. Go to [www.piggestraffleever.com](http://www.piggestraffleever.com) , pick what organization you want, NFB Ohio and Capitol Chapter who referred you.

Generostiy.Com – Fundraising page to raise money for March on Columbus event.

Tumblers – We are still selling tumblers for $18, dishwater and microwave safe, hot or cold drinks.

**Proposed Fundraisers**

Magnetic Refrigerator hangers

Potato Chip Clips

1. **March on Columbus** – March on Columbus is on April 10th 2018 at the Riff Center downtown. There will be a training session held at the Sheraton Hotel downtown on April 9th at 5pm. A plated dinner will be served and afterwards there will be a meeting on state general assembly talking points. Everyone is to dress appropriately, business casual. Verbal commitments so far: Annette, Misty, Dale, Marilyn, Linda, Asa, Jeremiah, Mary Lynn, Shelbi, Heather, & Mike L. The affiliate has asked chapters/divisions to contribute to the dinner and expenses for this event, Annette asked if we would be interested in making a contribution. Shelbi moved that our chapter will pay for our participants dinners and Marilyn seconded the motion. All voted in favor of, motion carried. Shelbi amended motion, member must participate in the April 10th event. If they do not they will have to reimbursed the chapter.
2. **Vision Awareness** – This is an event at the main library, April 3rd from 5pm to 7pm setup at 4 o’clock. You give out literature and talk about the NFB. No selling. Asa, Jeremiah and Shelbi will main a table.
3. **The Gavel Award** – Our chapter has won this the past two years and the 3rd time you win, you actually get a real Gavel. We need ideas and things we can do that we can put on our Gavel report that will show ourselves as a leadership chapter for this affiliate. Some suggestions: Getting a table/booth at the state fair/sporting event, doing something blindness related, volunteering, giving feedback on how something can improve to better assist the blind. Reading the bible to your bible study group in braille, demonstrate Aira, or telling someone about resources for the blind. This begins October 2017 through September 2018, that is when the report is filled out. Shelbi will manage our Gavel Report.
4. **Membership List –** An updated membership list needs to be compiled. Mary Lynn said that she has one that she will email to Shelbi. She will put one together one from that and update it and send one out.
5. **Blindness Resources –** The state senior’s division is sponsoring a call to talk about blindness resources, issues anything related to the blind. The first one is March 18th continue schedule is unknown. Barbara Pierce is the moderator and this would count towards our Gavel report.
6. **The Monitor –** A monthly newsletter/magazine. Someone reads the article and you bring it to the group for discussion. JW was supposed to do it for March. Shelbi volunteered for April.
7. **Merchants Division –** In May Annette is participating in a fly-in, a mini Washington seminar for merchants to discuss issues regarding the commercialization of rest stops and DoD regulations that can affect Business Enterprise programs. There is a proposal for infrastructure calling to privatize rest stops put 400 blind vendors out of work,
8. **Delta Airlines –** The national NFB and the NAGDU were able to work with Delta airlines to make policy that you do not have to notify them of a guide dog but if you have an emotional support animal they need a doctor’s note.

Meeting adjourned around 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by Cindy Gamble

Secretary