NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF CLARK COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Higley at 10:00 AM at the Washington State School for the Blind in the staff lounge.

Introduction of meeting attendees. (12 persons attending at the start of the meeting.)

Meeting minutes presented for approval. Motion to approve made by Betty Fitzpatrick, Seconded by, Art McCallum. Minutes approved.

Treasurers report presented by Doug Trimble. Current balance $629.35. Motion to except the report made by Don Mitchell, seconded by Kaye Kipp. Motion passed.

Fund-raising committee report presented by Doug Trimble. Meeting held on May 1. Meetings now being held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM all are welcome to attend. Topics covered June fundraising concert and Wine and cheese event. Don reported that we have 150 tickets to sale and asked that everyone take tickets to sell after the meeting. Tickets are $20 each. Tickets may be paid for by check made out to NFBCC, or by calling Cory and running a credit card. Of course, tickets will be available at the door

We discussed other arrangements to organize the concert. The chapter will provide some simple refreshments at the concert.

Patricia Maddix reported that she has contacted Sellers 55 and they are willing to host the wine and cheese event on either September 7 or 14. The group decided upon September 14. Doug will have the wine and cheese tickets at the June meeting. Bob is talking to Sun City Players about entertaining at the wine and cheese event.

Engagement committee meeting report.

President Higley reported that she and Cory and Chris attended the May 2 meeting with senator Perez’s office and discussed federation issues. Her representative was very interested in our work and offered to assist us in making our issues known. The committee plans to have continuing meetings with the senator’s office to build a lasting relationship.

Unfortunately the push to save the Washington Talking book and Braille Library funding was not successful. 14 staff people will be cut and library operations will be effected.

Our chapter sponsored Washington State School for the Blind scavenger hunt, with the students ,is planned for May 19 6:30 to 8 PM. We discussed volunteers to help and whether the chapter would provide prizes for the winning team. Kaye Kipp moved that the chapter provide $5.00 gift cards from the WSSB coffee shop for the winning team. Betty Fitzpatrick seconded. The motion passed. Doug Trimble donated the money to purchase the tickets.

The committee recommended three events for the 2025-26 school year including Ice cream social and trivia: Karaoke and bowling.

The committee is recommending a chapter summer social on either August 23, or September 13. It was decided since the Wine and cheese event is on the 14 of September we should do it on August 23 at Shannahans at 209 West McGloughlin at 11:00 AM.

President Higley reminded us that convention is on July 8 through 13 in New Orleans. Convention registration deadline is May 31. The convention agenda will come out in June. If you applied for assistance the awards have been decided and you should have been informed. There is a virtual convention attendance option you can take advantage of which can be found on the NFB website.

The STEM event at the library was very successful. 7 students participated and it was enjoyed by all.

The BELL training will occur on June 21 and the BELL Academy will be June 22 through 28. Volunteers are still needed. Doug Tremble suggested reaching out to the Portland State teachers of the blind program for possible workers.

Kaye Kipp conducted an enthusiastic philosophy session based upon the classic NFB talk “Blindness, Handicap or characteristic”. Much thoughtful discussion ensued.

Tickets for the concert were issued to members to sell. 39 tickets were issued.

Kaye Kipp moved the meeting be adjourned Betty Fitzpatrick seconded and The meeting was adjourned.

Presidential release 549 was played.