**NFBCO AURORA**

**CHAPTER MEETING**

**MARCH 25, 2017**

**The meeting was called to order by Dale Holden, Vice President at 10:30 a.m. There were 16 members present.**

**The first order of business was listening to the Presidential Release of the NFB, Number 459 from Mark Ricabono.**

**Dale requested that anyone attending chapter meetings and are not members should sign-up for a year at $5.00. After previous research of the chapters bylaws, the board then made a motion to modify the chapters fiscal year elections, dues, etc., to coincide with the annual year (Jan to Jan). This motion was unanimously approved. Also, elections for board officers will be held today. The term of service will temporarily be from March, 2017 to January, 2018 (9 months) in order to align with the chapters annual year; January thru January. Motion was approved by all members.**

**Also, noted was that the chapters constitution states 2/3 majority is required in all voting. The members felt the wording was redundant and an adjustment should be made in our chapters constitution.**

**At this time, Dale presented the nominations for Board Officers:**

 **PRESIDENT: WAYNE MARSHALL**

 **VICE PRESIDENT: DALE HOLDEN**

 **SECRETARY: BLANCA ROMAN**

 **TREASURER: WILLIE JONES**

**The floor was open to members for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. All members present voted in agreement with these nominations and the motions were made, passed and approved for each board officers terms and positions until January 2018.**

**Blanca, Secretary read the previous months minutes. Motion was made and approved.**

**The treasurer’s report (James Knight) was read and approved with an ending balance of $444.88. He is sending funds on a monthly basis to PAC and will also reserve the chapters meeting room until June. James will also be working with Willie to help assist his transition to treasurer as smoothly and efficiently as possible.**

**James also thanked the chapter for all their support during his term as treasurer.**

**Joe informed the chapter members about new busses at RTD which will accommodate wheelchairs better. He then addressed all chapter members on budget cutbacks at RTD! If the RTD board does not hear from the public they will continue to cut staff, eliminate and decrease bus routes. If any cuts are made in your area, you can lose out. Any support from the public will greatly affect the outcome of these cuts. Contact the Board Offices, by phone or email. Also he reiterated that you attend an RTD monthly Board meeting and voice your concerns! They are open to the public. Your input is greatly needed.**

**Edith then presented the concept and logo of the chapters t-shirts she designed. The t-shirts were well received. The logo and design were favorably approved by the members. She will also research locations that the chapter can use for the sale of t-shirts and other items donated to the chapter for resale. Joe will take the lead with Janice and/or Stoke of the Lyons Club to discuss joint fundraising plans.**

**At this time, Dale opened the floor for an open forum. Discussions were held on the following topics:**

* **Funds being cut for talking books are no longer being done.**
* **Seniors concerns on medicare cutbacks**
* **Continuing health care costs**

**Please write your senators with all your concerns on these issues!**

**Edith discussed the “Lunch with Aurora Police” Program and the “Aurora Citizens Police Academy”. The members were very interested in obtaining more information on these two programs. She will supply more details as requested.**

**Also it was felt that it would be quite beneficial and informative to have a guest speaker from the Police Department attend one of the chapters meetings. Topics of interest would be safely for seniors (at home and outdoors); Fraud and Scams (phone, internet, mail, etc.) taking advantage of seniors.**

**Motion was made and passed to adjourn.**