JAYHAWK CHAPTER NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF KANSAS

MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2020

Location, NFBK Teleconference

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions. The president called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Chapter president Tabor welcomed all to the meeting including state president Tom Page.

. Seven (7) members were present but no guests attended. There being no changes to the agenda, the president approved it as prepared.

1. Brief summary of Presidential release 493. The presidential release was presented in a live, interactive format via Zoom for the very first time on April 2nd. The national board has determined that the 2020 national convention will be virtual instead of going to Houston. All fees are waved including registration, and members are encouraged to pre-registered on the national website.
2. Chapter president’s and state reports – Rob and Tom. President Tabor was appointed to the Use Law Committee. This committee meets on the second Thursday of even numbered months, and serves as advisors regarding state bid and purchase contracts to Richard Beattie, the recently hired director of purchasing under the Kansas Department of Administration.

• Tom Anderson was elected as the new chairman of the advisory committee for Kansas services for the blind. Dan Decker succeeds Mike Donnelly as director of Kansas Rehab Services (KRS.)

• President Page stated that the state Democratic Party Committee has failed to make provision for accessible ballots for the state presidential preference primary election, held in lieu of the usual party caucus due to the Corona Virus pandemic. An official complaint before the US Attorney General is actively under consideration. Susan offered to contact Secretary of state Schwab’s office to inquire as to whether anything is being done to address the ballot access problem and let us know her findings.

• Rob stated that the CARES Act (stimulus) checks will not be counted against SSI payments as income in the month of receipt or as resources for 12 months.

1. Approval of March meeting minutes. Upon the president’s call for changes or corrections and hearing none, minutes for March were approved as distributed via email.
2. Treasurer’s report: The balance forward from March 31 was $823.82. There were $35 in credits and no disbursements, bringing the current balance to $858.82. There being no changes, the Treasurer’s report was approved as read.
3. Fundraising. Discussion ensued concerning a possible Facebook fundraiser which has been launched by some chapters, as on site fundraising events are on hold for the indefinite future. The chapter president appointed Dustin, Brendy and Sheryl to help consider that possibility. Rob will make contact with Alison Roets, the state social media coordinator, for guidance in creating a Facebook fundraising page.
4. Knowledge Base. Rob gave a presentation titled “Let us come to our CensUS.” Accessible methods are provided for completing a household census form including online and telephone interface. The US Census Bureau’s web address and telephone number were given.
5. Call for adjournment. There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by Lynda Anders, Secretary and Rob Tabor president