Business Meeting NFB KS Convention 2021 in Overland Park KS

Called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Attendance: Alison Roets, Tom Page, Robert Fuller, Rob Tabor Susie Stanzel, Margaret Finger, Donna Wood virtually, Tom Anderson, Dianne Hemphill, Bruce Roberds and Ashley Neybert.

Minutes were accepted by Tom Page

Treasureer’s report

Robert Fulller reported on 2020

Total: $323,757.72

September 2021: $318,868.88

We’re averaging $19,000 to send people to national convention

$5,000 for Washington seminar

$10,000 for state

$5,500 for scholarship

Tom page approved treasurer report

Scholarship committee report:

No scholarships were awarded this year

Tabor moved that we continue scholarship program with number and amount to be determined by board

Finger asked if it could be revised to allow part time students and Page said he’d reread, and we can discuss further later.

There was a discussion on what full time credit hours are

Anderson seconded the motion

Michael Coon recommended a scale based on degree or certification, Page said we’d discuss it further

Vote was taken and motion passed

Shae report by Stanzel:

There will be shows in Wichita, Dec. 2, Salina, Dec. 3, and Overland Park, Dec. 5.

We have to have outreach at each show

Website Activity Report

Website gets updated monthly with presidential release and braille monitor

Within the next year the website will be moved to drupal

Contact Stanzel for website questions

Page suggested tableing chapter reports and put them in tap tracks

Everyone agreed

Tom recommended moving board meeting to second Sunday of the month so Fuller can have more accurate treasury report

Stanzel moved to have meetings at 3 on second Sunday

Anderson seconded

We voted, Motion passed

Washington Seminar: Feb 7-11.

Page said it will probably cost more this year due to economy

Stanzel mentioned students get more funding to go 2 days early to attend student meetings

Page said 8 should be the cap for attendees, keeping teams at 3-4 people.

Stanzel moved that we spend $7,000 on seminar expenses in 2022

Anderson seconded, we voted, motion passed

Page suggested hybridizing seminar so people from home can participate as well

There is a rule where state presidents can’t spend more than $500 without board approval.

Page suggested that we up the limit

Stanzel motioned that president can spend $1,000 without approval, Tabor seconded the motion

Hemphill mentioned adding a twice a year limit

Hemphill’s amendment was added

We voted and the motion passed

Tabor suggested letting unlimited conferencing line expire and use only Zoom.

A discussion on pricing ensued

Page mentioned some tech issues with Zoom being attatched to his personal email

Milton gave some imput and said to use Zoom

Page suggested keeping both for the next year and have a migration period for people to learn Zoom and then get rid of the conference line.

Stanzel made a motion and Tabor seconded. We voted and motion passed

Elections: Lead by Tabor

Board position 1 Bruce Roberds, renominated

Board position 3 held by Neybert, Renae Morgan nominated

Board 5 held by Finger, renominated

Meyer moved to elect nominees, seconded by Hemphill, we voted and motion passed

Resolutions:

Motoin by Coon to read by title only, seconded by meyer, we voted, and motion passed

Resolution 2021-01 regarding educational services of Kansas blind children and youth

Committee recommends do pass, no discussion, we voted, and motion passed

Resolution 2021-03 regarding standardized testing matereals for blind, committee recommends do pass, Meyer spoke for the resolution, we voted, and motion passed

Resolution 2021-04 regarding educating employers regarding blind people, committee recommends pass, Meyer spoke for the resolution. Michael coon asked a question which prompted discussion from Tabor, leading to further omment from Finger, Schlenker, Page, and Luka. We voted and motion passed

We will discuss this more at a future board meeting to educate employers through video lessons and lectures.

Page suggested starting new at large chapter and Tabor will assist. Luka and Anderson volunteered to join planning committee.

This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Page suggested a chapter treasurer seminar

Coon asked what rolls sighted individuals can serve in, Page and Smith said majority of board has to be blind and president and vp have to be blind.

Karl Smith gave a closing speech

Adjourned at 11:21 a.m.