National Federation Of The Blind Of Kansas

monthly board meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Present: Rob Tabor, Donna Wood, Robert Fuller, Dianne Hemphill, Susie Stanzel, Laridda Williams Murphy, Michael Nava, Bruce Roberds,

Guests Sharon Luka, Shauna Zepeda, Don Jodi Mulic, Patricia Stillwell, Brandon Murphy

Dick Mellinger

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM by Vice-president Rob Tabor.

Secretaries minutes approved by VP Tabor.

Treasurers Report

Beginning balance December 2023

909 $25,954.46

Ending balance for December 2023

$13,256.88

Beginning balance for December 2023

investments $194,633.27

Ending balance December 2023

$200,698.37

net balance for December 2023 $213,955.25

Beginning balance January 2024

net $196,803.52

YTD net balance

$208,760.40

washington seminar stypends

$6,500

treasurers report approved by VP Tabor, as read.

Presentation by Dick Mellinger. He gave a report on the future of the stock market and the issues investors will face in 2024.

compliments from Dick to Robert Fuller.

Investments are in 3 areas:

cash

apple stock

SDY

There may come a time that Dick will recommend to reduce apple holdings.

2024 will not be as a healthy a stock market as 2023.

The things that will impact the stock market

geopolitics and the election. 2 big unknowns to the stock market.

the feds and its interest rates will also impact the market. a cut in interest rates are being suggested in the first quarter of 2024.

The question was asked when the first Apple stock was purchased.

May 20, 2015 first batch of apple stock bought.

Legislative update

Washington seminar attendees are:

Tom Page

Roshunda Holt

Bruce Roberds

Michael Nava

Patricia Stillwell

same topics as last year.

Rob %Tabor is working on getting legislators meetings scheduled.

January 29th great gathering in.

State legislative issues

newslines 1 time appropriation will cover this years newsline costs and Talking books library will administer newsline. senate bill 284 we anticipate no opposition to the bill. We have a tremendous amount of momentum. Users of newsline need to encourage others to up there use of newsline then write up year story why newsline is important to you.

The Kansas uselaw committee a bill has been drafted to continue the committee in perpetuity.

Susie Stanzel gave a Johnson-wyandotte chapter update

Newsletter report

requests for articles. The chongs sent articles in in December 2023.

State convention planning committee meeting Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM was conference call.

Update on Rob's knee replacement.

Sharon asked about whether it was alright to use the teleconference line during bad weather.

Laridda announced that South-Central chapter elections and dues will be postponed until February 2024.

Robert Fuller questioned about on going fund raisers. Board needs to think about how to collect the fund raising moneies when projects go on oeaver a longer time period.

next meeting February 11, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM