IABS January 2022

The meeting started at 7:05

The assistants were Ellen, Natalio, Teresa, Glen, Elizabeth, Marilyn and Debbie

glen read the minutes for December. The minute was submitted for correction by Debbie. then, minutes were approved

Ellen spoke about Midwest Seminar’s auction. IABS could probably send money to NAVS for them to decide the item or sending a gift card of $50. Motion approved for $50 gift card.

Outreach: Sara and Natalio are reaching out to schools. An email is being drafted about scholarships. Elizabeth is working on the email.

Marilyn proposed calling people who signed up for Midwest seminar by phone to offer financial assistance.

Fundraiser: Ellen spoke about cooking class. Debbie commented that she learned and liked the class. Glen liked it and he will check how much money we made. We will discuss a rerun on out next fundraiser meeting.

Midwest seminar Natalio said that they are working on the flyer. People interested in the Chappel assistance can apply until Feb 1. The room rates are $109. Marilyn said that paying for the registration using Zelle might be an option.

Ellen spoke about National scholarships being each of $8000.

State report: Marilyn spoke about Washington seminar. It will be hybrid. Ellen, Amari, Stebe, Debbie Goodman, Denisse and Kira will be attending online and Marilyn, Dustin, Mary Lu and Teresa in person. Teresa was selected to attend Leadership weekend. There are 4 pieces of legislation: Access Technology Affordability Act, Medical Device Nonvisual Accessibility Act, Twenty-First Century Mobile Apps and Website Accessibility Act,

Marilyn invited people in the meeting to register for the Midwest seminar. We should reach out to scholarships applicants and freedom program. Vaccination mandate is required by Chicago, and the organizers of seminar are requiring PCR tests.

Debbie talked about National scholarships applications. There are 3 applicants so far, none in the state yet. The only difference between the application for national or state scholarship is having an interview with the State president.

National convention 2022. July 6 to 10. Mariott is the main hotel and Sheraton will be the overflow hotel. They are near French Quarter. Registration is $25. Banquet is $70. Apply to Jernigan scholarship if attending the Convention for the first time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49.