Jayhawk Chapter of NFB of Kansas meeting of 10/16/10 at Signs of Life bookstore in Lawrence

Called to order at 2:02 pm. Present: guests State President Donna Wood, Maryse Figueroa both from south-central chapter in Wichita; Chikako, Sidney, Rob, Brendy, Bob, Luther, Ron and Cheryl.

**President**: Greeting, introduction of guests from Wichita. Congratulations to Luther on success in district piano competition; he qualified for state, at KU on Nov. 13 (convention weekend, wouldn’t you know).

We’ve had several recent successful events, with credit to Jim for organizing: 9/25 outreach table, it sprinkled a bit, but we had good traffic. KU Band Day parade contributed to the crowd and the ambience. Braille alphabet cards were again very popular; also names on index cards, thanks to Luther and Jim. Thanks to Jim for securing the table and sending it downtown with neighbors. Susan, Rob, Sidney, Chikako and Jim all put in time at the table, and Luther, Bob and Brendy were there all day.

10/9 table at River City Reading Festival also went well. Thanks to Sidney for organizing and to Bob for being there open to close. Chikako, Sidney, Brendy and Luther also helped at the table.

Jim spoke for our chapter at city commission meeting recognizing Meet the Blind Month and White Cane Safety Day; Chikako, Sidney, Harlan were also there.

**Vice**: nothing to report that won’t be covered elsewhere in today’s meeting.

**Sec**: Minutes from 9/18 have been received, and approved by email.

**Treas**: Bank statement shows we had $662.32 at the end of September. Since then we deposited $250, have written checks for $181.25, so our true balance is $731.07 at the moment. Dues have been received from Rob, Susan, Jim Secor, Ron, Cheryl, Lynda, Jim and Chikako. We owe $420 for coins; we should receive, optimistically, $72 for membership, leaving $239.07. We can only account for 9 of the 10 coins we originally obtained from State: 1 was given in a drawing last year, 1 was donated to the History Dept. at KU, 4 were purchased by Susan/Rob, 1 by Sidney, 1 by Loren, 1 is in Bob’s possession awaiting a winner in this year’s drawing, and Number 10 is in an unknown location. About coin drawing #2, held after outreach table on 9/25: Luther drew a ticket, Bob tried calling—the number is not in service; he drove to the address—it is not a residence, and neighbors don’t know the name. Can’t find the winner, what to do? Re-draw, sell more tickets and draw again, sell it on e-bay? Sidney moved, Brendy seconded, we should re-draw. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**: State Convention: Hospitality room will be in the living quarters (Donna’s room—executive suite!) Pila offered to bring vegetable tray and dip, not candy as previously thought. Chikako will update the list of who’s bringing what and what we still need. Donna believes the hotel will have a coffee urn/cream & sugar and probably cups that we can use in the room. Donna will meet Tuesday w/ hotel to finalize convention arrangements: call or email her with any questions or concerns before then. 25 registrations received so far. Cooking demonstration: $15 at the door. About 3 have registered so far, we need 15 to do the demo. (Secretary’s note: registration form says 12.) Sharon Luka (?) will be teaching blindness skills in the kitchen. Susan is in process of arranging transportation from hotel to Merc , to White Cane Walk, back to hotel. Donna reminded that two vans (bringing conventioneers from around the state) are available; she will coordinate with Jim and Lynda about their efforts to secure more vans from Lions Club. Red bandanas for the walk: need more? Can we expect to have 50 walkers? Sidney says we have about 30 bandanas; she will take care of getting more if needed. Sidney will be at beginning to register and tie on bandanas, Bob will be at the end to retrieve them and guide walkers to van loading spot. Permits are in place, we need to pick up the parking meter bags from the police station the day before. Teller’s is happy to have us, and we can sell nuts there. We need someone (2 or more people?) to be at the table.

Guest Roger Holden entered; he is a former member, has talked to Jim on the levee during Darby’s walks, and has been meaning to come to a meeting, wants to join.

Nut Sales: Susan has the leftovers from outreach table 9/25; she has been selling them at Audio Reader. Do we want to have nuts on hand for sale at Teller’s? We discussed amounts and kinds to have on hand. Sidney moved, Bob seconded, to order enough to bring our on-hand up to 50 bags for sale at Teller’s/convention. Kinds: peanuts (both honey roasted and butter toffee) and pistachios. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**: We need to decide about meeting space for next year. We need to let Signs of Life know by the end of Oct. In order to encourage growth, do we need more space, easier access/parking? Rob has looked at 4 possibilities: Lawrence Arts Center: there is a charge, and the space available is not good. Library: plenty of parking, free, we can reserve 3 months ahead of time but not for the whole year. South Park Recreation Center: $15/hour plus set up fee ($30) or setup/breakdown tables/chairs on our own. Independence, Inc: we can reserve for the year, free, good-sized meeting room, kitchen and restrooms, good parking, on bus route; Indie’s insurance company raised questions. Bob moved, Sidney seconded, to arrange to meet at Indie, pending resolution of Indie’s insurance company issues. Donna asked about a back-up plan. We decided on the library as Plan B. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob played the Presidential Release on his Victor Stream.

Next meeting Nov. 20, 2010 at S.O.L.

3:55 adjourned.