NFB-Lawrence Meeting

18 April 2015

Attendees: Dustin Disque, Ron and Cheryl Miller, Rob Tabor, Jim Secor, Sidney Roedel, Athena Johnson and Brendy Latare.

 At 1:10 PM, the meeting was called to order by Rob Tabor, President

 Modifications: Jimsecor as fill-in secretary for Susan

Presidential release #438 from Mark Ricobono, national president, of April 2nd was played.

Chapter and State report

 There are 3 new members on the new Lawrence city commission.

Go to Www.Lawrenceks.org for archives of meetings

 We must be more active. Along with Independence, our chapter, represented by Rob Tabor, President, presented language and best practices for

 Taxi cab ordinance accessibility. Some questions remain, including:

Enforcement? To be company by company basis? How?

 City Clerk is the Granting agent

 To revoke a license requires a City Commission meeting.

 Second copy due in May and will deal with problems of inclusion. Rob will update as the situation warrants.

State--

 Newsline Day at the Capitol, 24 Mar, resulted in a not so good conversation with

 legislators but good information distribution

 1 Dec was the last State Board meeting.

VP's report: Renee was not present at the meeting, so there was no vice-president’s report.

Athena, new report—Currency Reader from Gov't, considered not so good as phone reader; very expensive at $1000

 Nanopak is Thurs XX Apr at Independence Inc with presentation of Amigo by Dan Brown.

Ranita Wilkes from Independence Inc. is on the Advisory Commission for VR and needs input for 4 Apr meeting—scepticism by all that NFB will be paid attention to

 Access task force for evaluation of Lawrence Library—Rob Tabor and Bob Mikesic—the accessibility of he recording studio was noted as important as well as a particular place for the NFB meetings

The March Minutes were accepted

Treasurer's report by Ron Miller

 Now, NFB of Kanss Jayhawk Chapter will appear on US Bank checks

 Question of Bob Fuller's new number—424-4678??

 Deposit of $157, $145 from NCAA

Fund raising

 NCAA brought $145

 12 May (Tues) is Freddie's night, 5-8 PM—15% of all proceeds will be donated—question of inclusion of drive-thru

 Give Back at the Merc—online app is on a first come-first serve basis—one organization/day

 Please register ASAP—Brendi volunteered to do so

 Donation is change from sale plus a percentage

 Salty Iguana is similar to the Merc and Freddie's

 Can we put up posters/flyers?--in restaurant and at drive-in

 Cards for KNFB??

75 Days of Service—giving back

 Become involved with City Commission services—ideas welcome

 Also through Chapter list

 KPR Fund raising? (public awareness)--volunteer phone answering for library??

National convention is 5-10 July at Orlando, FL—check on assistance amount

Cheryl spoke on Visitor Center Accessibility Kiosks at State Capitol

 This = people talking you through the process, synopsis

 No audio-navigation, that is, nothing for blind people

 Accessibility was only for physically handicapped—this is a violation of the ADA

 There was never any solicitation for needs from the blind

 Vendors were not attentive

 The public needs to know of the poor results of spending; public shame is needed

 A group should go to the Capitol and find out in full, first hand, the accessibility issues for blind, possibly note other accessibility issues

 The NFB-national should be apprised and become involved with NFB-State Wichita producing PR—Rob will talk with Tom, with the focus of “Attack!”

3-min report audio by Thirty-five Cents regarding subminimum pay for disabled

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM

Respectfully,

Jim Secor, Assistant to the Secretary

With Susan Tabor, Secretary