**National Federation of the Blind of Kansas JAYHAWK CHAPTER**

**MEETING MINUTES FOR Monday May 11, 2020**

**Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Location: via NFBK Teleconference**

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions. The chapter president called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. There were seven (7( members and two (2) guests present. We were joined by Sharon Luka, State affiliate secretary, (Salina) and Tom Anderson, board member from Overland Park.
2. Review/modification of meeting agenda. The agenda was approved as drafted, there being no additions or changes.
3. Chapter president’s and state reports – Rob . State president Tom Page contacted the office of the Kansas Secretary of State to discuss accessibility issues with the state Democratic party’s presidential primary ballot and was told that the Secretary regards the matter as an issue to be resolved by state central committee. Subsequently, National president Mark Riccobono convened a conference call which included several state presidents and some staff attorneys of the Department of Justice (DOJ). It was determined that an official complaint will be filed based on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA and on Title II of the ADA. President Page then polled the board members who unanimously approved the filing of a complaint with DOJ.

• The state affiliate board held its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 3 via teleconference. We have been notified by Scott White, Director of NFB Newsline®, that unpaid coverage for Kansas and other unsponsored affiliates will end on May 16. Page is endeavoring to obtain funding from the National Service Fund which is partially funded by incoming final distributions from the NFB Thrift Store which recently terminated operations. If successful. This would temporarily avoid the need to finance the Newsline subscription from state affiliate treasury.

• BELL program. Rob invited Tom Anderson to give an update on the status of the Kansas Braille Enrichment Learning and Literacy (BELL) program. Tom stated that a home-based BELL training seminar has been developed. Classes will take place via Zoom and the dates were given. The BELL Home brochure was recently posted on the Home On The Range (HOTR) state affiliate email distribution list.

• Teleconference issues. Rob reported that our teleconferencing service system experienced a breach during the NFBK Blind Senior Division on April 28. The interference was so disruptive that the meeting had to be aborted despite having 2 guest speakers. An additional security code has been added to the dial-in process as a result of the breach.

• Next state board meeting. The next regular state board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm. Notice of the meeting will post on HOTR as per usual. Meanwhile, Rob encourages members to inform him of any discriminatory treatment during the Corona virus pandemic.

1. Approve minutes for April, 2020. Upon the president’s call for changes or corrections to the April minutes an d hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed via email.
2. Chapter treasurer’s report, Brendy. The financial report was given by Rob in lieu of Brendy’s absence. There being no activity since last report, the treasury balance remains at $858.82. There being no corrections or additions, the financial report was approved as presented.
3. Fundraising – online fundraisers during Corona Virus lockdown period. Rob stated he has not made contact with Alison Roets due to the busy end of the academic year and the additional challenges she is facing due to online schooling during the pandemic response. Rob stated he has also spoken with Tom Page about having one of his music bands giving an online benefit concert performance.
4. Other old business. No items were raised for discussion.
5. New Business. Due to the recent passing of Brendy’s daughter Ilsa Latare, Rob stated that Brendy and Robert Fuller, state treasurer, has not decided on a memorial service for her. Brendy informed Rob that an announcement will be posted when it is scheduled. Athena moved that Rob be authorized to spend up to $25 for a memorial contribution to the charity of Brendy’s choice with an option for additional donations by individual members. Cheryl seconded and the motion unanimously carried.
6. Knowledge Base. Rob presented a talked titled “The NFB Field Representative Program; Why We Have It and How It Works.” These are the highlights.

• The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) strongly advises not-for-profit organizations (NPO’s), to collect and maintain record of contributions of volunteer hours which in 2018 were valued at $25.43 as a national average.

• The NFB national Field Representative program has been created to meet this purpose. The designation of a field representative comes via an official letter of appointment by the national president.

• Rob encourages any members who are contributing at least 5 hours a month on a consistent basis to inform him of this, after which a request for appointment will be made on his or her behalf.

• Once a member has been designated as a field representative, he or she is expected to submit a monthly report of hours contributed for a full spectrum of activities including attendance at meetings at any level, divisional meetings and activities, fundraising events, advocacy endeavors, etc. Voluntary time reports are electronically filed online.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Submitted by Rob Tabor, Jayhawk Chapter president

Next meeting Monday, June 8, location TBA

PLEDGE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to

support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its Constitution.