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

**MEETING minutes FOR Monday October 12, 2020**

**Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Location: Conroy’s Pub, 3115 W. 6th ST. Suite D, Lawrence KS**

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions (If guests present) President Rob Tabor called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Eight members and two guests were present, including state affiliate secretary Sharon Luka.
2. Review/modification of draft agenda. There being no suggested editions or changes to the draft agenda, the president approved it as drafted.
3. Chapter president’s and state reports – Rob

• State 2020 Convention. The 2020 state convention will take place online via Zoom Cloud Meetings on November 4-5. This year’s convention theme is “Fundamental Rights.” Friday evening will begin with resolutions and nominating committee meetings. The Saturday sessions will commence at 10 am. With the national and state reports followed by presentations by several individuals including Michael Lange, chief librarian for Kansas Talking Books, Lou Ann Blake and Patti Chang, , NFB National office, Julie Dedan, director of the Colorado Center for the blind, Dan Decker, the new director of Kansas Rehabilitation Services (KRS), to name a few. The business session will take place on Saturday afternoon and will consist of action on proposed resolutions, elections of officers and directors, and other business matters. The convention will conclude with a virtual banquet featuring a keynote address by Joe Ruffalo, New Jersey affiliate president and national board member, who is this year’s national representative. The keynote address will be followed by the Ken Tiede Memorial Scholarship award presentations. There is no Sunday session, thereby freeing members up to attend their customary local worship services.

All members are encouraged to register to enable them to receive the Zoom logon information, to cast votes, and to be eligible to receive door prizes which will be given as cash or gift cards. Information was given as to where to find registration procedures. There will be no charge to register for the convention.

Membership renewal. Due to the limited number of members meeting in person, the president permitted members to vote on their stated intentions to renew their memberships for 2021. Two members paid their dues to the president and some had renewed their memberships prior to the meeting. The president listed several options for payment by regular first class mail and by electronic methods. Dues are $12.

• Legislative advocacy. Rob announced that Senator Jerry Moran is signing on as a co-sponsor of our Access Technology Affordability ACT (s. 815.)

1. Approve minutes for September, 2020. Upon the president’s call for corrections or other changes and hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed by email prior to the meeting.
2. Chapter treasurer’s report, Brendy The president waived reading of the financial report due to Brendy’s absence.
3. Door prize contributions for state convention. Cheryl Miller moved that $25 be appropriated for a convention door prize, leaving it to Brendy’s discretion as to whether to issue it as cash or a gift card. Athena Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
4. National NFB Meet The Blind Month. By consensus the chapter membership agreed to dispense with the trivia night fundraiser due to expected low participation on account of the pandemic. Instead, members are encouraged to post their personal story of blindness and Federation involvement on our Facebook and Twitter accounts via Alison Roets whose email address was given.

Renee announced that the Nominating Committee’s work produced the slate of officer candidates:

For president, Rob Tabor; for vice president, Renee Morgan; for secretary, Susan Tabor; and for treasurer, Brendy Latare. There being no objections to the reports, the president approved it as presented. The president also expressed his thanks to Renee for her work.

1. Elections of officers for 2021. There being no other nominations for any office, Athena moved that the entire slate be elected by acclamation. Cheryl seconded and motion unanimously carried.
2. Dispensing with November and December meetings. The membership determined by consensus to dispense with the November meeting on account of state convention as well as the December meeting due to the holiday season.
3. December holiday party. The consensus was to proceed with a holiday party subject to state and local restriction orders on account of the pandemic. Renee volunteered to investigate local dining establishments for availability and pricing. It was also determined that the first or second Saturday would be most suitable. Renee took some suggestions for possible venues an invited additional suggestions.
4. Other business. Upon the president’s call for other old or new business and hearing none, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting Monday, Jan. 11, 4:00pm via teleconference

Submitted by Rob Tabor president subbing for secretary