JAYHAWK CHAPTER NATIONAL FederATION of the BLIND of KANSAS

MINUTES for March 11 2023

Location: via teleconference

Members present: Renee Morgan, Cheryl Miller, Lynda Anders, Brendy Latare, Rob Tabor, Susan Tabor

Start time: 4:15 pm

The president called the meeting to order. No guests attended

• PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE. Due to technical difficulties the March presidential release was unable to be presented. Renee encouraged us to listen at our earliest convenience.

• Minutes. There being no minutes available, action on February minutes was deferred to a later time.

• Financial report. Brendy reported a balance of $1014.82, showing an increase of $12 since last report. There being no corrections, the financial report was approved as read.

• State report. Rob reported that the drafting of the Newsline funding bill is still a work in progress. Our intention is to obtain state financing for Newsline through the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF.)′ Administrative and outreach would be conduccted by the Kansas Talking Books Division of the State Library System.

House bill 2275 would extend a 15% state income tax credit for businesses that employ persons with disabilities in an integrated work setting and removes the sunset clause. We were neutral on the bill until a subminimum wage waiver was inserted by the House labor and economic development committee. This amendment was objected to by multiple disability organizations including the Kansas NFB affiliate.

The Shay Productions magic show fundraising project is going out of business, so there are no more magic shows from 2023 forward.

• FUNDRAISING. We determined by consensus to conduct an NCAA men’s basketball tournament fundraiser, conditioned on an accessible bracket submission platform. We will request a $5 donation to participate as we have done in previous years. Brendy announced several methods for submitting donations. Rob will track points and standings of pool participants. We are encouraged to recruit pool members from outside the chapter.

• ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Submitted by Rob Tabor for Lynda Anders, Secretary