JAYHAWK CHAPTER NATIONAL Federation of the BLIND of KANSAS

MINUTES FOR MEETING of FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Members present: Dustin Disque, Brendy Latare, Renee Morgan, Cheryl Miller, Rob Tabor

Guests: Michael Nava (Johnson Wyandotte chapter)

Called to order at 4-22 pm

• National report. The transcript of Presidential Release 535 was read. Topics include a recap of the 2024 Washington Seminar, a preview of the 2024 national convention in Orlando Florida, and an invitation to share blindness-related stories mor publication on our Youtube channel, the BRAILLE MONITOR, and other platforms.

• State report – Rob. Michael shared his experiences as a Kansas delegate to Washington Seminar. He noted that Congresswoman Sharice Davids has signed on as a co-sponsor of the Medical Device Nonvisual Accessibility Act (HR (1328).

State legislation. We are monitoring Senate bill 284 via Senator Mary Ware, who is working to get a hearing before the Senate Utilities Committee. Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau (D-Wichita) will introduce a bill to permanently eliminate the sunset clause for the State Use Law committee.

State convention. The convention planning for the 2024 state convention in Lawrence is under way under the leadership of second vice president and convention chairman Donna Wood and her committee.

The Friday session will involve a youth-oriented workshop. A contract has been signed with the Drury Inn in downtown Wichita for the 2025 convention, and the search process has begun for the 2026 state convention site in the KC metro area.

• Financial report – Brendy. There was a disbursement of $48 for per capita dues to the state treasurer. The balance as of 1-31 is $1022.82. There were no changes or corrections, and the treasurer's report was approved as read.

• January meeting minutes. The president called for corrections and changes, and upon hearing none, the January minutes were approved as posted.

• Fundraising. Renee reported she has not been able to locate a contest master for the trivia night fundraiser we are looking to convene in April. Rob will contact Steve Buckner for availability for any of the last 3 Friday evenings.

• Other old business. Renee announced we will resume in-person meetings at Murph’s Pub beginning in March.

• New business and adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5-04 pm.

Submitted by Rob Tabor, Secretary

Next meeting Wednesday, March 13, Murph’s Pub, 3115 W 6?, STE D, Lawrence, Kansas