National Federation of the blind

Jayhawk chapter

Minutes for meeting of March 13, 2024

Location: Murph’s Pub, 3115 W 6th SD., Lawrence Kansas

Present: Dustin Disque, Luther Fuller, Brendy Latare, Matt Mitchell (in new member), Renee Morgan, Joy Polson, rob Tabor, Susan Tabor

• Call to order, welcome, and introductions. The president called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM. There being no guests, introductions were omitted.

• February meeting minutes. Upon the presidents call for changes or corrections and hearing none, the minutes were approved as red.

• Financial report – Brendy. The treasury balance as of February 29, 2024 is $1022.70. Upon the presidents call for changes or corrections and hearing nun, the financial report was approved as read.

• National report. Presidential release number 536 was presented as a transcript. The prominent topic was the upcoming 2024 national convention to be held in Orlando Florida July 3 through the eighth. A legislative update was also given, noting that our legislative priorities are steadily gaining new co-sponsors in Congress.

• **State affiliate report – Rob. Senage vill 284, the Newsline® sponsorship bill (SB 284) will be heard on Thursday, March 14, 2024 before the Senate Utilities committee. Rob expressed his appreciation to all of those who submitted written testimonies in favor of the Bill.**

NFB membership portal. The portal has been a work in progress for some length of time. State affiliate secretary Allison Roets has been entering membership data into the portal and needs to get membership information from each chapter. Brendy stated she will assist Allison with this process. The membership portal will enable members to update their own contact information online.

Kansas affiliate website. After an extended period of inactivity, updated information has been added to the Kansas affiliate website at nfbks.org.

• our new webmaster is Benjamin McKinsey, a member of the Ohio affiliate.

State convention planning. The planning process continues in preparation for the 2024 state convention to be held here in Lawrence at the Doubletree hotel. The convention planning committee has been holding monthly meetings, the next of which is scheduled on the afternoon of Sunday, March 17.

• Fundraising. Renee announced that plans are finally in place for the trivia night fundraiser, which will take place at Murph’s Pub on Friday, April 12 starting at 7:00 PM. Steve Buckner, who has served as trivia master in previous events, has again agreed to do so for this year‘s event. A promotional announcement has been placed in the St. John’s school newsletter in order to promote the event among the schools, faculty and staff. Renee has engaged, former chapter secretary Lenita Richardson to develop a flyer which we are encouraged to disseminate electronically in order to avoid printing and mailing costs. We will be asking $10 per participant. Seating capacity in the contest room is approximately 50. Interested participants are directed to contact Rob to RSVP.

• Other old business. Renee reminded us of our earlier decision to return to the second Monday of the month for our regular business meetings. We will continue to meet at Moore’s with a start time of 4:00 PM.

* New business. We welcome Matt Mitchell is our newest chapter member.
* adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.
* Submitted by Rob Tabor, secretary
* Next regular meeting Monday, April 8 at 4:00 PM, Murph’s pub, 3115 W. 6th St., Lawrence, KS