JAYHAWK CHAPTER, NATIONAL FEDERATION of the BLIND of KANSAS

MINUTES for MEETING of MAY 13, 2024

Location: Murf’s Pub, 3115 W 6th ST Lawrence Kansas

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

• Call to order. President Renee called the meeting to order at 4:22 pm. Five members were present in room and two participated via teleconference.

• National report. Presidential Release no. 538 was attempted, but we had to abort due to excessive noise in the room by persons not part of the meeting.

• State report — Rob. National NFB convention. There will be 8 Kansas delegates to the 2024 national convention in Orlando Florida in July — four each from South-central chapter and Johnson Wyandotte chapter. Two members of the Jayhawk chapter stated they would like to attend, but doing so is subject to impending summer work schedules. Financial assistance is available to qualifying members at $1500 per person.

State convention. The Friday youth/student seminar has been reduced from a full day to a half day event in the afternoon, with sessions continuing into Saturday. The youth/student sessions will be conducted in a ballroom separate from the main convention.

Legislative update. Our national policy advocacy team urges us to contact our House members to urge them to vote yes on H.R. 3935, the FAA re-authorization measure, which now has new accessibility amendments. Rob advises everyone to email Rep. Tracy Mann through his website.

The proposed Blind Information access Act (BIAA) died in athe House because the bill with which it was bundled became controvertial in the Senate chamber. Sen. Mary Ware pledges to introduce a bill in early January, coupled with Sen. Michael Fagg’s stated intention to hold a hearing early in the 2025 legislative session.

New board policy. The state board has adopted a policy directing all chapters, divisions, and groups to transmit to the state affiliate treasurer all funds in excess of $1500 by no later than December 15, beginning in 2024. This is in compliance with IRS rules for non-profit tax exempt organizations.

• chapter minutes. Minutes for March and April were presented for action. There being no corrections or aaadditions, both sets of minutes were approved by the president as emailed.

• Financial report — Brendy. There was a deposit of $300 from proceeds raised from the trivia night fundraiser on April 12. This brings ow bank balance to $1382.70. There being no corrections or changes, the financial report was approved as read.

• Fundraising. President Renee invited suggestions for near-term fundraising opportunities. Susan informed us that the South-central chapter is setting up a popcorn sales fundraiser in August. Sales will be conducted online, with proceeds to be shared between participating chapters and the state affiliate.

Rob suggested a raffle afghans made by Joy, if she is willing to donate s.

Finally, Renee suggested we do another trivia night fundraiser in September. We will contact the owner of Murf’s Pub and Steve Buckner for venue and hosted availability.

• Other old business. State secretary/membership coordinator Alison Roets is still waiting for our membership information. Brendy states she has Alison's contact info.

Summer social. We are scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at La Tropicana from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

• Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Submitted by Rob Tabor secretary

Next regular meeting Monday, August 12, location TBA