JAYHAWK CHAPTER NATIONAL FEDERATION of the BLIND of KANSAS

MINUTES for January 13, 2025

LOCATION: teleconference call

Members Present:

Dustin Disque; Luther Fuller; Brendy Latare, Cheryl Miller; Rob Tabor; Susan Tabor

• Call to order, welcome and introductions

The meeting was called to order by vice president Cheryl Miller, with president Renee Morgan joining later. There were no guests.

• National report. A transcript of Presidenatial Release 545. National president Mark Riccobono announced the upcoming Washington Seminar 2025.

• State report — Rob. There are 6 Kansas Federationists who will attend Washington Semar. These include state president Tom Page, Bruce Roberds, Christy Roberts, Erica Johnson, Luther Fuller, and Michael Nava. Christy, Erica, and Luther will be bfst time attendees.

The new Kansas state legislature is seated and working. Senator Mary Ware (D-Wichita) informed state president of her intention to introduce the Newsline® sponsorship bill early in the session. Senator Ware also reassures us that Senator Michael Fagg (R-Eldorado) is committed to conducting an early hearing before the Senate Utilities Committee.

The state board voted to reduce the total amount of Ken Tiede scholarship awards from $5500 to $3000.

Alison Roets (South-central chapter and state secretary) has been chosen by president Riccobono to attend National Leadership training seminar in March at the Jernigan Institute. Various committee appointments were announced at the state board meeting.

• Meeting minutes. The vice president called for changes or corrections to the minutes of October 2024. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed via email.

• Financial report – Brendy. The balance as of December 31, 2024 was $1370.82. Membership renewal dues, both remitted and soon to be received, will be deposited. Upon the president's call for changes/correction and hearing none, the financial report was approved as read.

• Future meeting — all. It was suggested we change our meeting venue from Murf’s Pub to Acapulco Mexican Grill where we held our December holiday social. Due to work schedules, it was also decided to move from the second Monday to the following Tuesday. The change of day and venue was affirmed by consensus.

• Fundraising. Due to the success of our recent trivia nights, we decided to plan a future event, hopefully at a larger venue. Various members will help to locate and venue.

• Annual elections. Renee appointed Cheryl and Susan to form a nominating committee in preparation for election of officers in February. We are gently reminded to remit the $12.00 annual dues before the elections.

• Adjournmenthat. There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by Rob Tabor, secretary

Next meeting Tuesday, February 11, Acapulco Mexican Grill, 1520 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence KS