JAYHAWK CHAPTER NATIONAL FEDERATION of the BLIND of KANSAS

MEETING MINUTES for FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Location: Zoom WORK PLACE

MEMBERS PRESENT Luther Fuller, Brendy Latare, Cheryl Miller, Renee Morgan, Rob Tabor, Susan Tabor

Guests Dr. Abio Sokari, Emporia

• Call to order. President Renee called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members and guests alike were welcomed to the meeting.

• Presidential release. There was no presidential release for February due to Washington Seminar.

• State report — Rob. Change in remote meetings. The state affiliate account with Unlimited Conferencing has ended because the invoice was not paid due to apparent irregularities with the credit card from which payments were automatically debited. Efforts are under way to create new login credentials on the affiliate Zoom account. Once the new login credentials are activated, this will enable multiple authorized state, chapter, and division leaders to schedule and host cloud space meetings.

* Washington Seminar. Kansas was well represented at the 2025 Washington Seminar. The Kansas NFB delegation was comprised of 6 people, 3 of whom are first time participants including Luther Fuller, who shared his insights on his experience. Luther did some presentations to congressional staffers.
* State legislative update. THE NFB Newsline® financing bill was introduced in the newly seated legislature on January 21 by Sen. Mary Ware (D-Wichita) under listing of Senate Bill 46. The bill was assigned to the Senate Utilities Committee chaired by Sen. Michael Fagg (R-EL Dorado). The hearing originally scheduled for February 6 was suddenly canceled because of apparent tactical decision by Senator Fagg who had told Senator Jare that he thought it best for the House to take up the bill first which would enable the Senate to strike any harmful amendments the House might add.

—A Day At the State House event is planned for February 20 as a joint endeavor with the Kansas State School for the Visually Handicapped (Kssvh). Further details to follow and announced on the HOTR listserv.

* Accessibility policy. The state board met on February 9 and voted to adopt the Accessibility policy developed and adopted by the NFB national board. Rob will disseminate a locally customized policy document on HOTR.
* Tap Tracks state newsletter. Donna Wood South-South-central chapter) annouced at the board meeting that February 15 is the deadline to submit articles. Rob offered to write a chapter update, and Renee accepted his offer.

• January meeting minutes. Upon the president's call for additions or corrections and hearing none, the minutes were approved as sent via email.

• Financial report — Brendy. The deposit of membership renewal dues brings the new treasury balance to $1430.70. The president called for changes or corrections. Hearing none, the financial report was approved as read.

• Fundraising. Renee and Brendy stat

Stated they would investigate potential new venues for hosting a spring trivia night with a targeted targeted date in the mid-to-latter part of April. The goal is to find a venue with a larger seating space than Murf’s Pub was able to offer. Renee and Brendy stated they will have a report by the March chapter meeting.

• Election of officers. Cheryl presented the nominating committee report which was accepted by the president. There being no opposition to the slate, Rob moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. Cheryl seconded and the motion carried. The elected slate of officers consists of Susan Tabor president, Cheryl Miller, vice president, secretary, Rob Tabor, Luther Fuller treasurer.

• Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Rob Tabor | secretary

Next meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Acapulco Mexican Grill, 1520 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence KS