NATIONAL FEDERATION of the BLIND of KANSAS JAYHAWK CHAPTER

MINUTES for MEETING of MARCH 2025

LOCATION: Acapulco Mexican Grill 1520 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence Kansas plus Zoom

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Members present: Lynda Anders; Dustin Disque; Luther Fuller; Cheryl Miller; Matt Mitchell; Renee Morgan; Rob Tabor

Guests: Tara Black

• Call to order. Vice president Cheryl Miller called the meeting to order at 4:18 pm. President Susan Tabor was absent due to her undergoing a medical procedure.

• Guest presentation

Tara Black, a biomedical engineering student at Kansas State University, is working on developing a blindness-friendly smartwatch which will perform the usual timepiece functions in addition to health-related features including a heart rate monitor. Time of day can be announced in both speech and silent vibration modes. Ms. Black is recruiting beta testers for this device. ROB offered to be the contact person for the chapter. He gave his email address to Ms. Black.

• Presidential release. Due to some technical issues, PR 547 could not be presented. Members are strongly encouraged to read or listen to it ASAP.

• State report — Rob. Legislative update. There has been no further activity on the NFB Newsline® funding bill (S.B. 46) since last report. The joint Day At The Capitol legislative event in conjunction with Kansas State School for Visually Handicapped (KSSVH) previously scheduled for February 20 did not materialize due to concerns expressed by Superintendent John Harding that this endeavor may violate policies against lobbying.

State board meeting. The board will convene a training session on a newly developed set of meeting procedures, the purpose of which is to create a more orderly structure to meetings at the state and local levels. The training is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. on the state Zoom channel.

The transition from Unlimited Conferencing Inc. to Zoo Workplace is making progress. The state affiliate Zoom account will be assigned a unique emial ID and passcode which can be accessed by state officers, committee chairmen, and chapter and division officers.

A statewide popcorn sales foaundraiser through Doublegood Popcorn is near launch date. The project will be coordinated through the state affiliate, and the online platform will be configured to allocate proceeds to each chapter based on proportion of sales volume.

• February chapter minutes. Upon the vice president's call for changes or corrections and there being none, the minutes were approved as posted on the listserv.

• Financial report.∀ Due to Brendy's absence and the uncompleted transition to the new treasurer, the financial report was defered to the April meeting.

• Fundraising report — Renee. Due to other obligations and unplanned circumstances, Renee and Brendy were unable to locate a suitable venue for a trivia night fundraiser.

• Adjournment Upon the vice president's call for other old or new business and there being none, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by Rob Tabor secretary

Next meeting Tuesday April 8, 2025, Acapulco Mexican Grill, 1520 Wakarusa Drive Lawrence Kansas