NATIONAL FEDERATION of the BLIND JAYHAWK CHAPTER

MINUTES for MEETING of MARCH 8, 2025

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

Members present: Luther Fuller, Brendy Latare, Matt Mitchell, Rob Tabor, Susan Tabor

Guests: Martha Kehr

• Call to order. President Susan Tabor called the meeting to order at 4-05 p.m. A quorum was not present, but was determined by consensus not required for this meeting.

Guest speaker presentation. Martha Kehr, outreach coordinator for the Kansas Audio Reader Network, gave an informational talk on a wide range of services offered by Audio Reader. Included were the traditional radio broadcast, the Telephone Reader dialup service, the live online broadcast at http://www.audioreader.net, audio description of theatrical and other live performances, special request readings, and the Audio Reader sensory garden. Martha fielded questions and was thanked for her presentation.

• National presidential Release. A transcript of Presidential Release # 548 was read. The majority of the report covered numerous recent advocacy endeavors including requesting the Medicare Telehealth service to be made permanent, request for continued funding by Congress of the Institute for Museum and Library Services which funds the NLS Talking Book service, just to note a few. The Access Technology Affordability Act (ATAA), has gained 15 co-sponsors in the House.

• State affiliate report — Rob. The state board will meet via Zoom on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m. The board is expected to determine a financial assistance allocation to enable members to attend the NFB national convention in New Orleadans from July 3—8. Rob reminds us that anyone wishing to attend the convention needs to make a request known in writing to Susan, who will submit names to the state president who will determine who is eligible to receive financial assistance. Rob then summarized the attendance expectations for those receiving assistance.

State convention update. The state convention planning committee held its first meeting to begin planning the 2025 state convention to be held from October 31 to November 2 at the Drury Plaza at Hotel Broadview in Wichita. Hotel room block rates are $129 per night and includes buffet breakfasts for Saturday and Sunday. Suggested registration, luncheon, and banquet fees were given. A youth/student seminar will be held concurrently with the Saturday afternoon session. The committee will meet on the fourth Sunday afternoon of each month and is chaired by Donna Wood.

Parliamentary procedure training. The historic first training was conducted via Zoom on Wednesday, March 26. The training was conducted by Rob Tabor and Tom Page and is based on a simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order, 12th edition. A follow-up training is scheduled for April 23 and will feature a role play chapter meeting.

State legislation. The Kansas NFB Newsline® funding bill (S.B.46) will carry over into the 2026 legislative session. Meanwhile, we are attempting to secure a State General Fund (SGF) appropriation for state fiscal year 2026.

• March meeting minutes. Action is deferred until the May meeting because at least one person reported not receiving the attached email file.

• Financial report — Luther and Brendy. There being no debits or credits since last report, the treasury balance remains at $1430.70. Susan and Luther will take steps to transfer check-writing authority to them from Brendy and Renee. Upon the president's call for corrections or changes and hearing none, the financial report was approved as read.

• Fundraising. Brendy reported that several venues were investigated for a trivia night fundraiser, but they were all ruled out as unsuitable due to room size and various environmental/atmospheric factors. She suggested investigating other possible locations including 23rd Street Brewery, Wayne and Larry's, and both Johnny's Tavern locations.

• Other old business. It was determined by consensus that the May meeting will be conducted exclusevely via Zoom, due to the low attendance at Acapulco.

• Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4-55 p.m.

Submitted by Rob Tabor, secretary

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025 via Zoom Workplace video conference.