National Federation of the Blind

Senior Division

January 2015 Membership Meeting

The first membership meeting of 2015 was called to order on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:12 PM (Central Time). Roll call was taken with 7 members in attendance: President Robert Newman, VP Barbara Loos, Secretary Karen Lemmon, Treasurer Cheryl Livingston, member Nancy Oltman, member Brad Loosand Gina Finnell.

The Secretary’s report from the last membership meeting which was held in November was read and approved, as read.

The treasurer’s report was read. With deposits and expenditures the ending balance on this date was $968.34. The treasurer’s report was approved, as read.

In the first order of business a motion was made that 30 percent of the profit of each fund Drive made by the Senior Division would be given to the NFB Nebraska Affiliate. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Cheryl reported that the final billing for the banner that was ordered was $40 and that this will be paid from the Senior Division treasury.

President Newman asked that the membership consider setting up committees to divide the workload. One committee that he would like to have volunteers for is the membership recruiting committee.

In new business, Gina reported that the community transport bus will be available no longer in Alliance Nebraska. She also said that the Alliance Lions Club is offering grant money to worthy causes. Karen and Gina volunteered to work on the grant together in an effort to get money to revive the city bus transportation in Alliance.

President Newman introduced the topic of matters concerning the constitution and possible revisions that need to be made. Since the existing NFBN Senior Division Constitution was sent to members of the Senior Division prior to this meeting there were several corrections or amendment issues that were presented. They were approved for correction as follows:

1. APPROVED The dues are now $10 annually rather than $5 as written.
2. APPROVED The fiscal year be reset from January to January. Also spelling correction from phisical to fiscal.
3. Approved: The existing constitution states 3 meetings a year with one to be at the State Convention. There was discussion on this since membership meetings are held monthly and the Board currently is meeting 3 times a year. President Newman suggested that we add the word minimum of three meetings to the wording.
4. Approved: The number of members for a quorum will be 1/3rd of active members
5. Approved: The name of this organization should be written as The National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska Senior Division (NFBN Senior Division) this correction should be consistent throughout the constitution.

These corrections will be made appropriately through amendments and/or corrections . The final draft will be sent to the membership prior to the meeting for vote of approval. The Constitution will not be final until approved by the NFBN Board.

Nancy reported that some items were given to her to be dispersed to where ever they would best serve. The largest of these items is a Braille writer. She asked that this donation be considered by the membership at the next meeting.

A short discussion on aides to help individuals call in was held. Karen said she would call and ask if NLS would list the call in and access code in their monthly newsletter.

The next meeting of the membership and any guests will be on Monday February 2nd. President Newman announced that Janie Degenshein who is the President of the New Jersey Senior Division will be the guest speaker. We encourage all members and prospective members to attend the call.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:40 PM (CT)

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Lemmon

Secretary, NFBN Senior Division