National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

Senior Division

February 2, 2015 Membership Meeting

Special Guest: President of the New Jersey Senior division, Janie Degenshein

On February 2, 2015 a meeting of the NFBN Senior Division was held via phone conferencing. President Robert Newman presiding. Other members in attendance: Barbara, VP, Karen, Secretary, Becky, Board Member, Nancy O, members, Bob R, member, Brad, member, and two guests: Quinn Myers and Janie Degenshein.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 (CT).

President Newman introduced the guest speaker Janie Degenshein. Jane gave a brief background of herself and the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey Senior Division which was established in 2011. The Senior Division of New Jersey is over 30 members strong. Jane’s presentation included what she believed made the Division successful in her State. The outline of Jane’s presentation will be attached to these minutes as she will be sending the outline to Robert. Following Jane’s presentation the regular meeting of the NFBN Senior Division began.

The Secretary’s minutes were read however due to some corrections that needed to be made they were tabled for approval at the next meeting.

Since Cheryl was not in attendance the Treasurer’s Report was not read.

Topics of the meeting:

\*The National Federation of the Blind Senior Division will be presenting several upcoming telephone conferences. They will be recorded and made available on the national Senior division’s website; <http://seniors.nfb.org>. President Newman reported that all members will be notified of the scheduling of these presentations.

\*Robert will resend corrections to Karen for the January meeting Minutes.

\*Since no one volunteered at this meeting to call members on the day of the meeting, Robert will do so for the next meeting.

\*Nancy asked that the membership decide what they would like to do with donated items in her care. It was decided that the items would stay within the NFBN either to be donated to an individual or possibly used as an auction item at the upcoming Convention. Further discussion on this matter will be at the next meeting.

\*Brags and Drags: none for this month.

\*Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 (CT)

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lemmon

NFBN senior Division Secretary

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What follows is the text of an email we received from Janie Degenshein; an outline of the many facts that Janie presented:

Our New Jersey seniors started in 2010 as a committee.

In 2011 we hosted the state convention and manned a possibility fair, and became a senior division. Hosting this event, got us all names and pertinent info of visiting seniors to our fair; their info, was also used for drawing for door prizes. We also get contact info from the white cane list which comes from national. We hold monthly meetings, we send out email and reminder calls to all members. We do send out the minutes from the previous month and the upcoming agenda.

Our division’s committees:

Caring card

White cane

Senior corner

Fundraisers

Book club and digital player

Project alerts

Assisting Learning, Educating, and rejuvenating, teaching seniors: Taught windows 7, jaws 11, and higher.

Method: each one teach one; Match one that needs assistance with one that can offer assistance; For instance, help in the kitchen with one that can assist.

Book club with authors on the call. Getting Olds Murder by Rita Lakin. Rita was our guest on our first book club conference call.

Getting old is murder DB74779

Lakin, Rita. Reading time: 7 hours, 47 minutes.

Read by Cecelia Riddett.

Mystery and Detective Stories

Seventy-five-year-old Gladdy Gold, a retired New York librarian, lives in the Lanai Gardens apartment complex in Fort Lauderdale. Gladdy is suspicious when one of her elderly neighbors dies, but the death of her best friend Francie sends heartbroken Gladdy into sleuth mode to find the murderer. Some strong language. 2005.

She had never heard her books via audio so we sent her a loaded cartridge with her getting old series and she got a digital player and listened to her New York Times Bestsellers

Our next book club will be on the same Monday, February 9 at 6 PM

Book:

Evil at the root DBC00033

Crider, Bill. Reading time: 6 hours, 3 minutes.

Read by Ric Furley. A production of Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Talking Book Program.

Mystery and Detective Stories

Blacklin County's Sheriff Dan Rhodes is sent to investigate the apparent theft of a set of false teeth from one of the elderly residents of the Sunny Dale Nursing Home. The case quickly turns serious when the owner of the missing dentures is found suffocated with a plastic bag. 1991. Violence and some strong language.

Our NJ senior division meeting is held Monday, February 9 at 8 PM conference call 1 712 432 0180 Access code 460994#

Keep Smiling,

Janie Degenshein

"Happiness isn't having what you want, but wanting what you already have"

Facilitator of ECHO

(Eyes Closed Hearts Open)

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