**National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska**

**Senior Division**

**May 20, 2015 Membership Meeting**

**The May 20 2015 meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM(CT) . In attendance: President Robert Newman, VP Barbara Loos, Secretary Karen Lemmon, Treasurer Cheryl Livingston. members Brad Loos , Gina Finnell and Nancy Oltman.**

**Cheryl Livingston led all members in the NFB Pledge.**

**President Newman asked for the Secretary’s minutes . Before approval one typo correction was made. By a motion and vote of the members the corrected minutes were approved.**

**The Treasurer’s report was read and approved with a final balance reported as $728.95 The treasurer’s report was approved as read.**

**The discussion turned to the sale of the Braille Writer. It was decided that the asking price of the machine would be $500 and advertising would first go out to the Nebraska list serve of the NFBN. If the Braille Writer does not sell to a Nebraskan it would be advertised on the NFB list serve.**

**The important issue of finalizing the Constitution of the NFBNSD was next on the agenda. The corrections will be made in the draft by Karen Lemmon and the draft would be set to Robert and the membership. The corrections discussed were as follows:**

1. **There should be no punctuation in any of the Article sub-titles.**
2. **Capitalization of the word ‘Board’ should be consistent as well as capitalization used for ‘Active Members’**

**\*Secretary’s note: In making these corrections I also corrected ‘be\_held’ to ‘be held’ in the article concerning meetings.**

**Next on the agenda was the report from Barbara of the *Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning* program (BELL). The program will be held in Lincoln from June 15 through the 26. For further information or enrollment participants and volunteers may go to the NFB website or contact Barbara.**

**The NFBN *Walk for Independence will be in Lincoln* this year on June 27th. There is only one location this year as the Panhandle Chapter is presently inactive. Karen suggested that since the Senior Division was State-wide perhaps next year the Senior Division could organize a Walk for the convenience of NFBN western members.**

**The NFBN State Convention will be held in Norfolk this year at the Divots Convention Center. Time and further information will be posted on the web-site and sent out via email at a later date.**

**As an afterthought, Karen suggested that we look into having a raffle for 2 airline tickets from an airline that travels to the area where the 2016 NFB Convention will be held. Airlines often donate passes to worthy projects. If we do this we need to apply for the donation early so that raffle tickets can be sold at the NFBN State Convention.**

**Another thought brought to the meeting was having a brochure for the Senior Division. Robert encouraged everyone to suggest to him what should be in the brochure to get things started.**

**BRAGS and DRAGS**

**Karen suggested that now is the time to reserve a seat on the Bus Across Nebraska to attend the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light event in January of 2016. The bus is already filling rapidly. A $50 deposit is required to reserve your seat on the bus. Last year Lemmon reported that the round trip from Omaha to Deadwood with stops as necessary to pick participants up cost $80 per seat. We are hoping to get that cost down even further. Fontenelle Tours of Council Bluffs is handling the travel affairs.**

**There being no further business. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. (CT)**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Karen Lemmon**

**NFBN Senior Division Secretary**

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