**National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska**

**Senior Division**

**June 15, 2015 Membership Meeting**

**The June 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 and Gina Finnell.**

**President Newman led all members in the NFB Pledge.**

**President Newman asked for the Secretary’s minutes. Cheryl made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Gina seconded. Motion carried.**

**The Treasurer’s report was read and approved with a final balance reported as $693.95. Karen made a motion to approve the treasurer’s minutes. This was seconded by Barbara. Motion carried.**

**The discussion turned to the first order of business concerning the request from Bob Deaton that the Braille Writer we have for sale be loaned for the UEb testing. It was agreed by those in attendance that the Braille Writer would be loaned for this purpose. The one condition on loaning the machine was that it would be the responsibility of those who borrow it to return it in the same condition it is in now.**

**Constitution Finalization: After some discussion and comparison to the State Affiliate Constitution, Karen made a motion that the constitution be approved as the final draft. Gina seconded the motion and the motion carried. Robert will submit the Senior Division Constitution to President Amy Buresh for NFBN State Board approval.**

**BELL: 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. Barbara reported that all seemed to be going well and that 8 students were involved this year.**

**Annual Walk for Independence: As stated in last month’s meeting, the NFBN Walk for Independence will be the following day of the Belle program in hopes to involve those students and families.**

**State Convention: The NFBN State Convention will be held in Norfolk this year at the Divots Convention Center. Cheryl confirmed that the dates this year will be October 29-Nov. 1.**

**Vet Special Day: Brad reported that there will be a Veteran’s Flag Day event in Lincoln. The Blind Veteran’s will have a booth for this event held in Lincoln.**

**BRAGS AND DRAGS**

**Gina reported that she had just returned this day from North Platte where she had shots and Laser treatment for her eyes. Hopefully this will help Gina so that further treatments will be eliminated or not as frequent.**

 **This instigated a conversation about Medicaid and Doctors refusing Medicaid payments. This topic is one for further investigation.**

**Brad ‘bragged’ for his friend that caught a 30 pound catfish that measured 17 inches from tip of whisker to tip of whisker. WOW gulp.**

**Barbara and Brad asked that we keep Brad’s sister and Barbara’s mother in our prayers.**

**Robert asked that all members make an effort to increase the membership numbers. He will send letters to addresses of interested or past members.**

**Robert also asked that members consider what would be useful to put into a brochure for the NFBN Senior Division.**

**Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gina seconded. The Phone meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M. (CT)**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Karen Lemmon**

**NFBN Senior Division Secretary**

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