National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

Senior Division

July 20, 2015 Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM (CT). In attendance: President Robert Newman, VP Barbara Loos, Treasurer Cheryl Livingston. Members- Brad Loos, Nancy Oltman and Gina Finnell.

Cheryl led all members in the NFB Pledge.

President Newman asked if all had received the Secretary’s minutes from June. Gina said, “No.” And so all on the phone listened to JAWS read the minutes. Barbara requested several corrections; Robert took note of them (Karen was not in attendance). Cheryl made a motion that the “to be revised” minutes be approved as read. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report was read. Cheryl will send Robert a copy of the full report for inclusion with the minutes. Barbara made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. This was seconded by Gina. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Return of our Braille writer: Barbara stated that she hadn’t got it back yet; mentioning that she had been out of touch with family matters. Cheryl spoke up, she knew where it was, and would get it moving to come back to Barb’s. And it appears, that our machine was not needed; sitting on the back-burner, available if needed. (Approximately 12 people took the UEB testing.)

Robert stated he would work on getting our sale notice out via NFB listservs. And he thought that we most likely need to reduce our asking price; from $500 (A new machine was just $200.00 more than our used machine). He suggested we list our machine at $450.00, with wording that shows we are open for negotiations.

BELL: Barbara reported that 6 kids attended our BELL program; most were very knew to Braille. Also, that the annual Walk for Independence which happened right after BELL, that none of the students and/or their families took part in this walk. Next year, we might consider making that walk be part of BELL. Also, in general fewer people attended the walk, though the total monies brought in was higher than in past years.

Our Newly Revised Constitution: Robert stated that though he wrote and asked, he has not heard back on it. Cheryl, who is presently on the state board, said that it will probably be discussed at the August Board meeting.

Report on National Convention: Barbara, Cheryl, & Nancy shared this year’s highlights with the rest of us. A very large attendance, many special events occurred, all because of the 75 anniversary celebration. (Be sure to read the August-September Braille Monitor.)

Our Division’s proposed Broacher: Robert also reminded all that we all need to work on developing the text to go 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)