National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

Senior Division

September 21, 2015 Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM (CT). In attendance: President Robert Newman, VP Barbara Loos, Secretary Karen Lemmon, Treasurer Cheryl Livingston, Board Member Becky McCullough . Members- Brad Loos, Bob Riley, and Gina Finnell. Also attending part of the meeting was Harriett from Washington DC guest and Ever Lee Harriston as special guest speaker.

Robert lead in the NFB pledge. All members are encouraged to memorize this pledge which is attached at the bottom of this report.

 Robert informed us that he would not be available to attend Division meetings on a Monday or Tuesday evening until after the first of the year; suggesting Weddnesday’s, no one objected.

REPORTS

Treasurer Cheryl Livingston reported that the current balance In the NFBN Senior Division account is $1063.95 with two expenditures and the deposit from the sale of the Braille Writer. The report was motioned approved as read by Gina Finnell, 2nd by Karen Lemmon. Motion Carried unanimously.

Secretary’s report. Since several of the members had not read the minutes prior to the meeting that had been sent via email by President Newman, JAWS read the minutes. Due to some technical difficulties, this part of the meeting was interrupted when Ever Lee Harriston entered the meeting. Following Ever Lee Harriston’s presentation and discussion with the group, the minutes were motioned approved as read, by Cheryl and seconded by Gina. Motion carried and minutes stand approved as read.

GUEST Ever Lee Harriston

Ever Lee Harriston , author of ‘Blind Ambition’, entered the call and introduced herself and her book to the group. She spoke of writing the book with the many stories of her life: growing up in the South in a small home with a large family, being a single parent, and the motivation of the NFB in ‘working up the ladder’ as a blind African American woman. Her story was an inspiration to all blind individuals but especially to those who mid-way through their life need encouragement as a blind person.

Following the motivational guest the regular meeting resumed.

Secretary Lemmon reported that the minutes from November through July had been emailed to Mike Hansen.

 It was decided that the Board would meet via phone on October 1 which is a Thursday at 7 PM (Central time) to discuss further details on the upcoming Convention. The Senior Division luncheon will be on Friday, October 30th from 12 noon until 2 PM. President Newman said he would have details on the menu and any choices we would have at the Oct. 1 meeting. The theme will be ‘Handling the Holidays’

A motion was made by Cheryl Livingston that we make $500 available to help individuals who would like to attend the convention. President Newman said he would write a blurb to advertise this to various places to get the word out. The motion was seconded by Karen Lemmon. Motion approved unanimously.

 Further discussion was tabled for the October 1 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lemmon

NFBN Senior Division Secretary

Below you will find the NFB Pledge as well as the address and phone number of the Divot Convention Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, where the NFBN Convention will be held October 29 through November 1, 2015

NFB PLEDGE.

 I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National

Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for

the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to

abide by its constitution.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

**Norfolk Lodge & Suites** (Divot Convention Center)
4200 W. Norfolk Avenue,
Norfolk, NE, US, 68701
+1 (402) 379-3833
When making your reservation you will need a credit or debit card. Cost of the room per night is $89.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention that you are coming for the NFBN Convention so you will get the discounted rate.