**National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska**

**Senior Division**

**November 18th, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes**

At 7:10, the meeting was called to order.

Members present: Robert Newman, Cheryl Livingston, Nancy Oatman, Becky McCullough, & Gina Finnell

The NFB Pledge was presented by Cheryl.

Reports:

The September 21st meeting minutes were read (by JAWS): Cheryl made the motion, and Nancy seconded; all approved.

The October 30th convention meeting minutes were read (by JAWS): Nancy made the motion, and Gena seconded; all approved.

The November treasurer’s report was given by Cheryl. Gina made the motion to accept, and Nancy seconded; all voted to accept. The complete treasurer’s report is included below these minutes.

**Old business:**

Convention roundup: All felt our meeting was well planned, interesting and enjoyable. We had a fine talk by Joe Ruffalo, our national rep. Our philosophical/informational discussion of cooking for the holidays was kicked off by Nancy Oatman. Nancy gave a great presentation; the presentation included handouts of recipes and samples of the sweets!

After Convention: Robert and Cheryl reported, that they have sent in to the affiliate, the required portion of yearly dues collected at convention; $5.00 of each dues payment of $10.00. Also our new roster of members and slate of officers were sent in.

Presidential release: This was the first month that Robert sent out an attached copy of President Mark Riccobono’s national update. We will have to figure out how to arrange for our non-email users to get a copy. Noted was, some of us who are members of a local chapter, will also have the opportunity to hear this report during those meetings.

**\*New Business:**

Robert talked about membership recruitment, and reaching out to other blind seniors. He has a list of people and their contact information from across the state, provided to us by the national office, and asked if it would be reasonable to expect each Division member to make one contact per month. And all agreed that it would be reasonable and expected that we all pitch in on this type of effort. He will start the process for December. Also, that he would contact past members to encourage them to rejoin us; at times, checking with current members to help with this task, too. Robert also reported that he had the newest of our membership added to our Division’s email list; they will now be getting our meeting notices. And finally, Robert mentioned that he is making sure members are getting the Braille Monitor; asking all on this phone meeting to confirm that they are receiving a copy. (All but one said “yes.” Gina will need to be signed up; a thumb drive would work best.)

No one had any new issues or news.

\*Philosophical discussion: All had a few personal takes on this topic- How important is it to be part of a nationwide organization?

**Brags & drags:** None for this call.

\*Adjournment: 8:05

Respectfully submitted, Robert Leslie Newman

(Karen was unable to make this meeting)

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Treasurer’s Report-Senior Division

November 18, 2015

Beginning Balance Sept 21, 2015 $1063.95

Expenses

10/22 Check to NFBN $ 85.00

Registration for Steve Senteney

10/31 Check to Steve Senteney $ 282.00

Grant to attend NFBN convention

Oct PAC plan $ 10.00

Nov PAC plan $ 10.00

Total Expenses $387.00

Deposits

11/2 Dues and raffle $ 128.00

Ending Balance Nov 18, 2015 $ 804.95

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Livingston, Treasurer