**National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska**

**Senior Division**

**December 10th, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes**

At 7:07, the meeting was called to order.

Members present: Robert Newman, Cheryl Livingston, Nancy Oatman, bob Riley, Gina Finnell, Linda Mentink (our newest member), and guest Stephen Senteney

The NFB Pledge was presented by Robert.

Reports:

The November 18th meeting minutes were read (by JAWS): Gina made the motion, and Nancy seconded; all approved.

The December 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.

(One item relating to a deposit: a donation made by Bob Riley; he manufactures long white canes, and donates all the profits to the NFBN; 10% going to the Senior Division. This cane making business is winding down, and profits made from this remaining stock is what is being donated to us.

Further Introductions: Robert had Linda tell the group about herself. Then, our guest Stephen, also talked to us about his life.

**Old business:**

Presidential release: This was the second month that Robert sent out an attached copy of President Mark Riccobono’s national update. Becky, who was absent, has had difficulties in getting her attached copy to open, and be read. Robert sent her additional options on how to test what is happening, and hopefully she was able to read the release; we need to find out if she was successful.

Membership building: Robert asked those on the phone who he knew to have last month agreed to join the effort to reach out to former and other prospective members and to give an update. No one other than Robert had yet reached out to contact the individual they had been assigned. Sheryl did mention that she has been seeing the lady that she had been assigned, and will soon make a contact. Nancy mentioned that she hadn’t seen her assignment, and was told it came as an attachment to the meeting reminder emails.

Linda agreed to join in on this effort. And will make contact with Debby M.; who also lives in Columbus, where Linda resides.

**New Business:**

 No one had any new issues or news.

The group discussed what should be January’s philosophical discussion, and it was agreed that we have each person tell of one or more goals that they will address in 2016.

Philosophical discussion: All had a few personal takes on this topic-

What can we as NFB members say and do to help a fellow blind person to want to join an organization such as ours?

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

\*Adjournment: 8:05

Respectfully submitted, Robert Leslie Newman

(Karen was unable to make this meeting)

Treasurer’s Report-Senior Division

December 10, 2015

Beginning Balance Nov 18, 2015 $804.95

Expenses

Dec PAC plan $ 10.00

Total Expenses $ 10.00

Deposits

None

Ending Balance Dec 10, 2015 $ 794.95

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Livingston, Treasurer

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