The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:35

There was a roll call. There was a quorum. Guests were introduced.

The Secretary’s report was made and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was presented and approved. The Total Balance was $42,571.

Marcus, Ozzie and Fred reported about the tour of the Detroit Airport proposed change of the Michigan Flyer Bus Stop. The new site is quite acceptable and is a major improvement. The Airport staff was cordial and seemed open to our suggestions. The ADA coordinator was not aware of the poor Braille signage.

The next item was a contact with an attorney from Washtenaw County who is filing a lawsuit against Washtenaw County and MDOT regarding elimination of curb cuts and crosswalks. He is reaching out to us as a result of our contacts on the Airport issue. The board voted to move forward on this issue, pending approval of a committee appointed by Larry. Larry appointed J.J., Mark E. and Fred to work on this.

J. J. brought up Washington Seminar. There was discussion of logistics. There was discussion of the fact that J.J. is now the oldest person of 5 attending the seminar.

There was discussion of the May 21 Walk-a-thon to be held in Grand Rapids. There was discussion of a visit to GR. No meeting was set.

Mary raised the issue of a dog contest. Mary wants a beauty contest. Ozzie thinks a Guide Dog for President contest would also be a good idea. The Guide Dog Division was assigned to come up with an event.

Fred asked if there was any update on voting machines in Michigan. Mark agreed to provide an update.

Ozzie requested to join the Communications and the Transportation committees. Larry appointed him.

Derek discussed his plans for contacting Chapter Presidents to keep up communications.

 Mary commented that the Michigan Constitution required a Chapter representative. This is now eliminated from our constitutions.

Larry commented that he has received 2 more calls from disgruntled clients of BSBP. Fred commented that we have a resolution on oversight hearings. The legislative committee needs to address this resolution. Fred further commented that we may need to do outreach to connect disgruntled clients with their state reps to bolster our efforts for oversights. There was much discussion about the poor level of services and the agency’s inability or refusal to follow the rehab act. Mark commented that there is a need for a fact sheet for the legislature to act on.Mark said he would convene a legislative committee meeting. Larry said he would contact the newspapers to find out how much an add would cost.

Marcus volunteered to administer our list serve. Ozzie wishes to work on the website.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 9:30.