National Federation of the Blind of the Miami Valley

April 9, 2016

Christ Episcopal Church – 20 West First Street, Dayton

**Attendance**: Richard Payne (President), Tim Janning, Gloria Robinson, Terry More, Denver Jones, Robert Spangler, Martha Cowden, Sheila Hardy-Wilson, Charles Boykin, Vincent Boykin, Debbie Williamitis, Karen Warner, Vicky and Dylon (guests), and Mr. Heck.

# Introductions

Mr. Richard Payne called the meeting to order at 1:03pm and Ms. Sheila Hardy-Wilson gave the prayer.

Mr. Payne said that Ms. Noles gave an update on her condition. She has been diagnosed with stage four liver cancer.

# President’s  release

The ninth law symposium took place last week. Members of the federal office met with Amazon to talk about their work and participation in the national convention. Mr. Mark Riccobono said that members will be pleased with the progress that has been made. He also attended a Microsoft conference where accessibility was discussed at length.

Mr. Riccobono said that local chapters should be discussing how blind people participate in the election process. Also, it is important to continue protecting the right of blind people to access voting machines and processes. Chapters should assist members in registering to vote and using voting machines. Also, he said that data should be collected on the voting process and any problems encountered. Next, he expressed the importance of asking the political candidates questions about accessibility issues.

Mr. Riccobono then talked about membership cards. They come in a bundle of 25. They are bi-fold business cards which contain the NFB logo and information. There is also a QR code inside which will take individuals to a page online about the NFB. Also, it has a space for the name of the member as well as for signatures of the national and chapter presidents. Please share them widely! Contact Danielle Trevino at 410-659-9314 extension 2358 or dtrevino@nfb.org to request them.

# Secretary Report

Mr. Robert Spangler read the report; Ms. Gloria Robinson motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Denver Jones seconded.

# Treasurer report

Mr. Tim Janning read the treasurer report; Ms. Robinson motioned to accept and Ms. Debbie Williamitis seconded.

# Diabetes Action network

Mr. Jones said that the fair went better than expected with decent attendance. He said that there were more walk-ins than registrations. The group was invited to return next year. A few medical professionals provided positive feedback. He said that the network has been reaching out to colleges in order to recruit volunteers. He also said that the group plans to assist Springfield with their membership drive. He recognized Ms. Karen Warner for her help.

There was a discussion about the chapter having a health fair. Mr. Payne suggested that the chapter do a health fair in September and Mr. Jones said that he will talk to the membership of the Diabetes Action Network about this.

# Telephone report

Mr. Janning said that the chapter has a telephone line and that it rings at his house. Many people call asking about the NFB or the availability of local resources.

# Old Business

## June Race

The race will be held on June 26 at 8:00am. Mr. Payne said that he will attend.

## May Spaghetti Dinner

Ms. Gloria Robinson said that she has tickets and flyers. People can pay $5 at the door.

## Flying Pig

Mr. Jones said that 160 or more tickets have been submitted. These are separate from online purchases. He said that the event is Short of volunteers.

## National convention

**When**: Thursday, June 30—Tuesday, July 5, 2016

**Where**: Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
9939 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32819-9357

**Preregistration**:

Preregistration is now open. When purchased online by May 31st, the preregistration fee for convention is $25 ($30 on-site) and the cost of a banquet ticket is $60 ($65 on-site).

# Other comments

Ms. Robinson talked about the volunteer program. People can volunteer to help individuals who are losing their vision by teaching them how to do something that will help them. It is a record of volunteer hours of work by people in the organization. It is helpful for attracting contributions from outside sources.

# Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned**: 2:39pm