National Federation of the Blind of the Miami Valley

June 11, 2016

Christ Episcopal Church – 20 West First Street, Dayton

**Attendance**: Richard Payne (President), Tim Janning, Gloria Robinson, Robert Spangler, Martha Cowden, Dr. Carolyn Peters, Wanda Sloan, Debbie Williamitis, Karen Warner, Janine Pickens and Mr. Heck.

# Introductions

Mr. Richard Payne called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and Dr. Carolyn Peters gave the prayer.

# President’s  release

This is the last presidential release before the convention. The Blind Parents Initiative was launched. The web site can be found at <www.blindparents.org>. People are asked to visit the web site and provide feedback. Please send comments to [parenting@nfb.org](mailto:parenting@nfb.org). Also, blind parent mentors are needed.

A settlement was reached with Uber regarding discrimination against blind people and guide dogs. Drivers must confirm that they have read the policy and that they will accept service animals in their cars. A new enforcement policy will be enacted.

There was a discussion about guide dogs and how their animals care for them.

# Elevator Speech

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

There was a discussion about the speech and what it means to each of us.

# Secretary Report

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

# Treasurer report

Mr. Tim Janning read the treasurer report; Ms. Gloria Robinson motioned to accept and Mr. Robert Spangler seconded.

Mr. Payne talked about Jernigan tickets. They cost $10 apiece. He purchased two. Mr. Payne indicated that people can Purchase these from Mr. Tim Janning.

# RTA Report

Ms. Sloan said that RTA will train people how to use RTA if they have a Project Mobility card. Also, people can make arrangements to use bus services in Orlando, Florida during the convention by contacting Project Mobility and providing them the fax number of the transit authority in Orlando.

# Diabetes Action network

Mr. Payne announced that Mr. Denver Jones resigned the presidency. He said that the organization is seeking new members. Ms. Carol Akers is serving as President. A meeting will be held after the national convention. Details are forthcoming.

# Telephone report

Mr. Janning reported that the telephone line has been transferred to Sideline, which is free. This will eliminate the cost of the Cincinnati Bell line.

# New Business

## Convention Assistance

Mr. Payne said that the chapter is asked to donate to the TenBroek fund, the White Cane fund and the Jernigan fund. Ms. Robinson made a motion to donate $50 to each person going to convention, seconded by Ms. Sloan. Ms. Karen Warner, Ms. Sloan and Ms. Robinson received assistance.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to donate $50 to each fund and door prizes and Mr. Spangler seconded.

# Other comments

Mr. Payne would like to host the next chapter meeting at the Hollywood Facility on Needmore. He also proposed Jimmy’s Ladder 11 on Brown Street. It was decided that it would be at Ladder 11.

Mr. Payne also talked about the picnic in August to be held at Possum Creek. Ms. Janine Pickens said that the bathrooms are atrocious. Other options were discussed.

# Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned**: 2:55pm