National Federation of the Blind of the Miami Valley

February 9, 2019

Christ Episcopal Church – 20 W. 1st St., Dayton

# Introductions

Attendance: Dr. Carolyn Peters (President), Karen Warner (Vice-President), Tim Janning (Treasurer), Robert Spangler (Secretary), Terri More, Rachelle Broomfield, Patricia Goldsmith, Shana Mueller, Jaynine Pickens, Richard Payne, Shirley McDowell and Aloha Rodgers.

Amy Bonano gave the prayer. Dr. Carolyn Peters called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

The affiliate is once again holding the Piggest Raffle Ever drawing. Dr. Peters would like members to buy tickets. They're $5 apiece. Dr. Peters has the tickets. Tickets are also available to purchase online at the following web site: <http://www.piggestraffle.com/>

Once there, choose “National Federation of the Blind of Ohio” from the first drop down and the quantity of tickets you wish to purchase from the second. Press the button just after the quantity drop down, which is reported as “Graphic btn3” to NVDA, so it might be tricky to find. Follow the instructions from this point forward.

As taken from www.PiggestRaffle.com:

For each Pig purchased, you have a chance to win on Flying Pig Marathon Weekend and the charity you select receives 100% of your donation! On May 3, 2019 we will draw a lucky winner of $5,000 Cash and the charity for which you purchased the Pig will also receive $5,000 Cash! You do not need to be present to win but everyone is welcome to join us for race weekend.

# Secretary Report

Robert Spangler read the secretary report. Rachelle Broomfield motioned to accept the report and Amy seconded. The report was accepted.

# Treasurer Report

Tim Janning read the treasurer report. Robert motioned to accept the report and Karen Warner seconded. The report was accepted.

We have to decide whether to keep the CD or put the money in savings, since its maturity date is in March. Karen motioned to renew the CD for two years and Patricia Goldsmith seconded. The motion passed. Richard Payne said that we should be using this money to fund projects instead of putting it away. This discussion continued.

## Text of Report

MV NFB report November 1, 2018 thru January 31, 2019

Brought forward:

Checking $101.22

Savings $2,220.59

C D $1,023.15

Net Worth $3,344.96

INCOME:

Savings Dividend $0.40

C D Dividend $3.56

Patrons dividend $8.23

Dues paid $32.00

Donation $20.00

Total Income $64.19

EXPENDITURES:

PAC $15.00

Funds to buy food for Xmas party $70.00

Convention reimbursement $80.00

Payment to state NFB in support of Columbus and Washington seminars $300.00

Total Expenses $465.00

Deficiency $400.81

NEW BALANCES:

Checking $88.22

Savings $1,829.22

C D $1,026.71

Net Worth $2,944.15

The C D will mature on March 7, 2019

# New Business

## Formation of Committees

Membership - Karen will chair this. Dr. Peters believes that all chapter members belong to this committee and should be working to recruit members.

Fundraising - Terri More, Jaynine Pickens, Amy Bonano. This committee organizes fundraising events, such as our spaghetti dinner.

# Additional Discussion

Karen said that we should reach out to past members to see if they would be interested in rejoining the chapter. She said that we could offer a gift card or a free convention banquet to anyone who brings a member back as an incentive. Also, the member who rejoins the chapter could receive a free spaghetti dinner ticket.

Someone suggested advertising on the Goodwill radio program. Richard talked about having an Empowerment seminar. These usually last for three hours and include an agenda, information sessions, vendors and other resources. It was decided that June would be the best month for such a session.

Richard summarized the Washington Seminar. Ten people from throughout the affiliate attended the conference. Federationists lobbied for such legislation as a bill that would allow blind people to write off certain high-ticket technology purchases and a bill to address the lack of accessibility in touch screen devices.

Anyone volunteering to teach for the BELL (Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning) program will meet in Columbus on April 5 and 6 for training. The state affiliate board meeting will be at the same hotel on the 7th. There will also be a leadership training in the afternoon of the same day. Anyone who is interested in going get in touch with Richard.

Adjourned: approx. 1:30pm

Next Meeting: March 9, 2019

Important Dates:

Spaghetti Fundraiser – May 11, 2019

Chapter Picnic – August 10, 2019

Christmas Celebration – December 14, 2019

* Details will be finalized as dates draw nearer