National Federation of the Blind of the Miami Valley

March 9, 2019

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

# Introductions

Board Members Present: Dr. Carolyn Peters (President), Karen Warner (Vice-President), Robert Spangler (Secretary) and Sheila Hardy-Wilson (At-Large Board Member).

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

Dr. Peters said that someone is needed who has a smart phone to take over the chapter phone line. Tim has been doing it for six years and has become more occupied with managing his properties.

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.

# Guest Speaker

## Nathan Owens and John Hoff from RTA.

Nathan talked about the service changes that took place in February. The northern part of rout 34 was eliminated and replaced by RTA Connect On-Demand. Trips can be scheduled by calling RTA or using the Lyft app. To use Lyft, book the trip while at the Northwest Hub and the ride will be free. You can also call customer service to book a ride. As long as the trip is started at or ends at a transfer point, such as the Northwest hub, it is free. Several people had questions for John about combining RTA Connect Paratransit trips with the on-demand system. You can book a RTA Connect Paratransit trip to the hub and switch to the on-demand system for free, so long as the destination is in the zone. Please see [www.i-riderta.org](http://www.i-riderta.org) for more details.

Nathan next talked about the effort to revamp the RTA system. The system is currently very hub and spoke where people have to go downtown to transfer buses. Also, some routes are not as direct as they could be. The plan is to look into how well the routs perform and how they can be improved. Ridership has been slowly declining since 2014 when gas prices started falling. Currently, RTA is asking the public for feedback through a survey on their site at [www.i-riderta.org/whatdrivesyou](http://www.i-riderta.org/whatdrivesyou). You can also call and do the survey over the telephone. Contact Dr. Peters to be contacted by phone to complete the survey if you are unable to do it online.

Robert suggested that people check the Transit app for updates to the routs they use most often. You can also subscribe to receive alerts by text message or email.

# Secretary Report

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

# Treasurer Report

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

## Text of Report

MV NFB report February 1 thru February 28, 2019

Brought forward:

Checking $88.22

Savings $1,829.22

C D $1,026.71

Net Worth $2,944.15

INCOME:

Savings Dividend $0.21

C D Dividend $1.09

Dues paid $64.00

Total Income $65.30

EXPENDITURES:

PAC $5.00

Printing of tickets for spaghetti dinner $38.42

Total Expenses $43.42

Surplus $21.88

NEW BALANCES:

Checking $108.80

Savings $1,829.43

C D $1,027.80

Net Worth $2,966.03

The C D has been renewed for another 2 years at 2.36% interest which is about 1% higher than before.

# New Business

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sheila Hardy-Wilson said that there will be meat sauce and alfredo sauce. She has 200 tickets that she will pass out along with informational flyers. We will have cookies for dessert. She said that she will send out an email to let us know when she’s going to the store to purchase the items. We need 200 each of pop and water. Dr. Peters said that she will donate $100. Sheila said that the Spaghetti Warehouse will donate two dinners. We can use these as door prizes.

Richard suggested that we start a list of who is bringing which item. Several members indicated what they will bring. Robert will send the list to the NFBMV list serv.

Adjourned: approx. 1:30pm

Next Meeting: April 13, 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