# National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, Springfield Chapter

February 18, 2023

Location: Gayer room, Springfield Public Library

## Those present

* Debbie Baker
* Susan Day
* Aleeha Dudley
* Arlie Ray
* Gina Ray
* Mickey Cooper
* Joe Jeffrey
* Pat Banaszak
* Dave Banaszak

## Reports and Branding

The Secretary’s report was read. A motion was made by Arlie and Susan seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The NFB Pledge and branding messages were read.

The Treasurer’s reports were read from December and January. The ending balance for December was $6,326.15. The ending balance for January was $6,306.15. Mickey moved to approve the treasurer’s reports as read, and Aleeha Seconded. The motion passed.

## Unfinished Business

### Membership

Currently, we have 14 dues paying members. At this time, the membership portal does not allow us to edit any typos or mistakes made on the national level, for example to edit a misspelled name.

If anyone’s membership remains inactive for more than three years, it will become inactive in the database as well, meaning the member will have to start the process over again.

### Donations for Project Woman

Debbie asked for items that have been brought as donations for Project Woman. Arlie will shop for any items using donated cash once money is collected.

### Legislative Updates

The Ohio Blind Parents Rights legislation has been signed by the governor, and will go into effect April 3, 2023.

We still have the Accessible Prescription Drugs legislation as a concept, but it has not yet been sponsored.

We now have a new legislative chair in the Ohio affiliate, Suzanne Turner.

OAGDU has also been discussing a model access law for service animals. LuAnn is seeking permission to be on the affiliate legislative committee. She is also reaching out to other organizations to support the effort.

The NFB is currently working with Uber and Lyft regarding denial of service animal handlers. If you experience a denial because of a service animal, you are encouraged to fill out the NFB online rideshare survey.

### Fundraising

Debbie asked Pat if she had any fundraising ideas, and she will report next meeting. If anyone has any suggestions to contribute, let Pat know.

## New Business

Todd has resigned the role of state affiliate Treasurer effective Feb 28. He has also resigned his national position, effective Friday.

Aleeha read the legislative summary from Washington Seminar, including an overview of the priorities in focus this year. Debbie described the Washington seminar event and great gathering in, as well as some legislative efforts that are currently in focus and those that have been in the past.

Aleeha will email David Andrews regarding people who are not yet on the email list. These email addresses will be manually added.

Mickey read the description of the February presidential release, rather than having it played out.

We are beginning to gather contributions for the gavel report for the year. This is an accountability effort to report what we are doing for the NFB, run by the state affiliate. One question is: in what civic involvement are your members active? This question is asked to gauge the level that we are spreading info on the NFB to people around the community. Some time was spent detailing various member contributions. Any additional contributions should go to Aleeha, as she will be writing the report for the year.

We are once again going to have a bell program in August. Debbie and Marianne Denning will be teaching in the program. Bell stands for Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning, and is a summer program for teaching blindness skills to young children. The program meets at OSSB for one or two weeks.

Our next meeting is March 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the park branch of the library on Bechtle Avenue. The April meeting is at 1:00 PM as well, but in the Gayer room. The May meeting is 10:30 AM in the Gayer room, and June is at 10:30 in the Gayer room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aleeha Dudley

Secretary

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