# National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, Springfield Chapter

August 19, 2023

Location: Park Branch, Clark County Public Library

## Those present

* Debbie Baker
* Arlie Ray
* Gina Ray
* Mickie Cooper
* Pat Banaszak
* Dave Banaszak

## Reports and Branding

The Treasurer’s report was read for July. The ending balance for July was $5301.78. Mickie moved to approve the treasurer’s report as read, and Arlie Seconded. The motion passed.

The NFB Brand and Pledge was recited.

## Unfinished Business

### Bell Program

The Bell Program ran from 8/5/23 to 8/12/23. Braille technology, life skills, residential program for children ages 4 through 12. Day and evening activities included game night, decorating canes, decorating learning shades, Horton Geologic Museum on OSU campus, $15 to shop at Target trip, red carpet made out of canvas, ringing a bell to celebrate achievements, bake cookies day, Villa Nova Restaurant (sit down dinner with braille menu).

Voice-Corrs Radio Show for the blind runs the third Wednesday of each month and may be accessed via Alexa. The presenter is a Bell member.

### Legislative Updates

Uber Town Hall Meeting held 7/27/23 and 8/16/23 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Send email to [NFB-group@uber.com](mailto:NFB-group@uber.com) for questions. After one denial for service dogs, then warning, drivers can be suspended from Lyft and Uber.

Uber/Lyft complaints should be sent to the Department of Justice at civilrights.justice.gov/report. Complete an Uber/Lift complaint form, then forward the email confirmation or record number to legal.nfb.org.

The August presidential release was played.

## New Business

Member, Aleeha Dudley has a new address of 1728 Huffman Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45403

New monthly NFB-O program, started by state board member, Suzanne Turner, features topics about which audience can ask questions and share opinions. Originates from Ohio Zoom Room “I Am Ohio-Talk”. First edition to occur on 8/24/23 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Discusses Women’s Equality Day and the life of federationist Isabel Grant, teacher and pioneer. September date for “I Am Ohio-Talk” not yet chosen, nor the time. But it features a panel of guide dog handlers, their tips, experiences, discrimination, Ride Share denials, etc. LuAnn Bowers is the president of the Ohio Guide Dog Division

NFB-O phone call with Jamie, (don’t remember last name) representing our National firm, Brown, Goldstein and Levy. Jamie is collecting data about experiences with inaccessibility of on-line pharmacies such as labels and braille. Jamie’s phone: (410) 241-0886

NFB-O state Board meeting: September 23, 10:00 a.m. open to all but only Board can vote. Board meeting will occur at our state convention Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton, 175 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43235 Phone: (614) 885-3334. Block of rooms reserved. If you make a reservation, group code is 90C.

NFB-O state convention November 17-19, 2023. Same hotel as above. Group code to register for hotel is NFB. $109.00 per night, 17.5% tax. Includes breakfast Saturday and Sunday for two occupants per room.

Register for the convention at NFBohio.org under Affiliate Convention. Registration is $15 in advance or $20 on-site. (Discovered after the meeting via the website, registration for 2023 is $25 and banquet cost is $55).

General sessions take place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Banquet cost is $50. Chair massages will be available for $10 as a fundraiser. Ohio Seniors Division will have a drawing, $10 entry for chance to win $200.

Theme of 77th state convention: Stronger Together.

October 2023 is Blind Equality Achievement Month. Shall we do something to observe it? If so, what? Discussion included swag (order from National?), lunch and learn at United Senior Services, reaching out to hospitals.

National Convention will take place in Orlando, Florida July 3rd – July 8th 2024 at the Rosa Centre. See NFB.org for more information.

**Meetings Scheduled for remainder of 2023:**

September 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Branch of the Clark County Library.

October 21st at 10:30 AM at the Park Branch of the Clark County Library.

November 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the Gaier Room of the downtown Clark County Library

December 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Branch of the Clark County Library.

It was discussed beginning in 2024, meetings to be held the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Gina Ray

Treasurer

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