November 15th, 2013

Ohio Association of Blind Students

General November Meeting

People Present: Kaiti Shelton, Lillie Pennington, Amber Meloy, Joy Mistovich, Emily Pennington, Deborah Kendrick, affiliate liaison

The general purpose of this meeting was to go over the OABS constitution, discuss possible changes to this document, discuss board elections, as well as make possible plans for a bookmark fundraiser.

The meeting started with introductions, and launched into business with a reading of the OABS constitution.

Discussion was raised about the goal of OABS. A point was made that the general purpose as outlined in the constitution could be seen as overly vague. It was decided that a mission statement would be drafted and read and voted on at the next meeting for approval.

A document describing the specific duties of each officer will also be drafted to be voted upon at a later date.

It was proposed that Ambers position as corresponding secretary be made an official office. This will be voted upon at a later time via email. The at large board members will also be voted upon in this manner.

There was also a discussion about recruiting and inactive members. A conscious effort will be made by the current members to draw new members into OABS.

A possible design for the bookmarks that will hopefully be used as a fundraiser was suggested by Deborah. It would include the Braille alphabet on one side of the bookmark. On the back of the bookmark would be a "puzzle" in Braille for someone to try to figure out what it said. The proposed message was seeing occurs in the mind. Somewhere else on the bookmark would be the NFB Whozit logo, as well as information about OABS and about Braille.

A motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Emily, seconded by Amber.

Respectfully submitted, Lillie Pennington.