The president called the meeting to order at 6pm. The president Carolyn Peters welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was completed by Reverend Ella Mitchell. Roll call of each board member and each participate was completed. There was a total of twenty-six participates in the first board meeting of the year. Minutes were read from the November 5, 2021, annual board meeting and minutes were read from the December 6, 2021, were also read. A motion was made to approve the minutes from both meetings and the motion was seconded and the motion passed without descent. Elections were held on the November 5, 2021, meeting and the new board members that were elected were:

President- Reverend Dr. Carolyn Peters, Greater Miami Valley Chapter, Ohio Affiliate Board Member

Vice President- Joanne Williams, Greater Cleveland Chapter

Secretary- Asia Quinones-Evans, Lorain County Chapter, Treasurer of the Ohio Association of Blind Students

Treasurer- Wilbert Turner, Greater Cleveland Chapter

Board Member at Large- Maggie Stringer, Capital Chapter

The strategic planning committee was created from December 6, 2021, until the end of 2022 so that monthly activities were completed in a timely and organized manner for the year of 2022. Treasurer report was not read out by the treasurer due to technology issues so Michael More from the greater Akron chapter volunteered to read it out. The current amount in the account is $ 260.16. The monthly charges were $67 for the attorney general’s office of Ohio and $5 for the monthly charge of the pack plan. We currently have eighteen paid members of the Ohio Communities of Faith Division.

Committee Reports:

Gavel Report committee- President Carolyn Peters asked everyone to submit their gavel related events or participation in volunteering of spreading information of the division to the gavel report by email or phone

Strategic Planning Committee- a discussion was had on weather this committee was useful for the rest of the year and the decision was made to keep the committee until the year ended

No old business to cover. New business was brought up by the president to start a Membership committee this motion was made and seconded and the vote went through without descent. Joanne Williams will chair this committee for the division. New business was brought up to assist a 44-year-old blind homeless gentleman. The affiliate has services lined up to help this gentleman to get a home, but it was recommended to help donate from members who wanted to help. Members that decided to donate were: $25 from Laurita Jones, $25 from the Miami Valley Chapter, $50 from Debbie Pittman from the Illinois Affiliate. These people will turn their money into the treasurer and the treasurer will right a check out the affiliate so they can give it to this gentleman. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm