Board of Directors Meeting

National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

October 27, 2017

1. President Richard Payne called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
2. All board members were present. Members of the audience had an opportunity to introduce themselves. All who were not clad with NFB insignia were fined $1. Fines were paid both by some Board members and some audience members.
3. Sherry Ruth moved that the minutes from the September board meeting be approved as circulated. Cheryl Fields seconded the motion. It passed.
4. Sheri Albers gave an update report on the Parental Rights bill, HB309. Its name is being changed. There is to be a hearing before the state legislature. She and Mike Leiterman will be testifying. Sheri may be needing others who are willing to testify.
5. Richard Payne announced that our affiliate is insured starting with this convention. Thank you Sherry Ruth for your assistance in this process.
6. FM receiver listening devices are available at this convention. These can be picked up at registration. You must leave an I.D. when you get a device.
7. There will be late checkout on Sunday. It is 1:00 p.m.
8. The exhibit hall will be on the Upper Terrace, near the restaurant. There are steps and a ramp up to that level. This area is more open and has more space than the originally assigned room.
9. President Payne appointed Sherry Ruth to chair the nominating committee. This is our only closed meeting.
10. Jordy Stringer gave the scholarship committee report. The recipients were not able to be present at this meeting because of classes but will be attending the convention. Those serving on the committee were thanked.
11. Barbara Pierce explained the purpose of the  Washington Seminar. She explained that, in order to participate in this event, you must be able to do a large amount of walking and speak fluently. If you are interested in participating in the Washington Seminar, you must contact President Payne by December 1, 2017. The issues to be covered are developed by the national office. Typically we cover three issues. It is good to cover all geographic sections of our states because the goal is to have both Senators and all Representatives support the issues in response to constituent urging. The typical schedule is to go in to D.C. on Monday, have the great-Gathering-In that evening, work on the Hill Tuesday and Wednesday, and leave Wednesday afternoon or evening. The upcoming Gathering-In will be held on January 29, 2018. Ohio will have pizza, put together folders to hand out, and do light training of the issues after the Gathering-In concludes.
12. Annette Lutz is handling door prizes and auction items at this convention. If you have items for either of these efforts, you can get them to her directly or leave them at registration.
13. Barbara Pierce called attention to the fact that on October 25, 1971, the affiliate passed an amendment to our constitution which changed our name to the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio. Prior to this amendment our name was the Ohio Council of the Blind.
14. There are new Ohio brochures. To obtain the new brochures, contact Richard Payne.
15. Biggest Piggest Ever drawing tickets are now available. This project raises a lot of money for the affiliate. More information will be posted.
16. Richard Payne announced the sad news of Stephanie Claytor’s death. Jordy Stringer spoke about her life. A moment of silence was held in respect for Stephanie.
17. A meet and greet with light refreshments will be held near the Fairfield Room. It will be immediately after adjournment of this meeting.
18. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelbi Hindel