# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from November Regular Board Meeting held via phone on November 12, 2019

The November meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:08 pm. Roll call indicated that only 4 members were present, therefore there was no quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Marti Blough, Jacquie Flatley

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

Board Members – Cheryl Godley, Kendall Bays, Chris Johnson and Dolores Dolbare

D’Anna Feurt read minutes from October meeting. Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum

D’Anna presented Treasurer’s report for October 2019. Beginning balance from 10/01/19 was $6,776.94. Ending balance as of 10/31/19 is $6,777.52. (Detail will be filed with minutes.) Treasurer’s report could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – none

Advocacy – Sherry reported that they had a meeting in October. Tom Lealos, Leslie Van Orman and Sherry were on the call. She stated that since they are not having much luck finding statistics that we will not have much support to change the legislation. They are thinking of going a different route. They are in the process of writing up a one page letter stating why WyCB wants white cane law and drivers manuals updated. They are trying to find people who have had a near miss incident while using a white cane to give testimony in support of the proposed changes to the law. In the letter, they will also compare the fines for white cane violations to those for animal cruelty to show the disparity in treatment between them. Sherry provided all of the information to Tom Lealos and he will draft the letter. Sherry will also send a draft copy of the letter to the board for review. Jacquie suggested offering incentives to people such as a drawing or a gift card for participating in either a survey or for providing testimony in support of the white cane law. Sherry thought it was a good idea as well. There needs to be more discussion to figure out how to market this idea.

Convention – Sherry invited Marcy to join the call to discuss the convention, but hasn’t heard back from her. Marcy did not join the call, so there was nothing new to add regarding the convention.

Fundraisers – Sherry called and got two email addresses of people to contact regarding Thankful Thursday. She emailed Kathy Holman who is supposedly the person in charge, but she has not heard anything back yet. She also emailed Doc Holliday, but has also not had a response back from them. She will follow up again and report back at next month’s meeting.

Scholarships – Sherry hasn’t talked to Dolores lately, but last time she spoke with her she was willing to continue with the scholarships as long as she had help. D’Anna volunteered to get information for contacts within the various school districts and get this information to Dolores.

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – Jacquie sent several samples of the brochures to everyone to look at and decide which one the board would purchase. Cheryl was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, but expressed to Jacquie that she did not like the glossy paper brochure. The majority of the board members liked the white paper over the cream paper. Cheryl had also suggested we skip using any color altogether and save ourselves the money. Others on the call also agreed that the contrast between the black ink and the color was not worth the expense and agreed that all black would be best. Due to the lack of quorum for the meeting, we will need to have a special meeting to vote on the brochures. The members in attendance agreed on Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 7:00 pm to have the special meeting regarding brochures. Sherry will send out an email to the board regarding the meeting and Jacquie will get updated pricing for the brochures.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacquie informed the group that she had included pricing for banners in her previous emails for the brochures. She thought having a few banners to display at the convention or other venues such as health fairs would be beneficial for the council. Sherry also suggested purchasing some promotional items such as chapstick, pens, etc. to give out at health fairs would help to spread awareness of the council. Jacquie will do some additional pricing for the banners with the brochures to see if there may be any additional discounts available if purchasing both items.

Sherry also informed the group that her surgery is scheduled for December 2, 2019. Her recovery time after the surgery will not be known until the surgery is actually performed. The next board meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019. She will plan to have the meeting on this date, but should something come up she will have her daughter notify the board of the change of dates for the meeting.

No other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.