# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from January Regular Board Meeting held via phone on January 14, 2020

The January regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:06 pm. Roll call indicated that there were 6 members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Marti Blough, Jacquie Flatley, Chris Johnson, Cheryl Godley, and Delores Dolbare joined later.

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

Board Members – Kendall Bays

D’Anna Feurt read minutes from October regular board meeting as there was no quorum for November meeting and there was no meeting in December. Marti Blough moved to accept October minutes as read. 2nd by D’Anna Feurt. M/C.

D’Anna Feurt read minutes from November regular board meeting as there was no meeting in December. Marti Blough moved to accept minutes as read. 2nd by Cheryl Godley. M/C.

D’Anna presented Treasurer’s report for October, November and December. Beginning balance from 10/01/19 was $6,776.94. October ending balance was $6,777.52. Beginning balance from 11/01/19 was $6,777.52. November ending balance was $6,677.72. Beginning balance from 12/01/19 was $6,677.72. December ending balance was $6,678.31. Chris Johnson moved to accept October, November and December treasurer’s report as presented. 2nd by Cheryl Godley. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – none

Advocacy – White Cane Law - Sherry has the letter that Tom Lealos drafted and sent to the advocacy committee to review and modify as needed. Sherry read the letter to the board members present. She will also send a copy to all board members. The plan is to send the letter to organizations such as senior centers, support groups, family, friends, etc. to get some information to present to legislators. They have not yet determined what amount they want the fine to be raised to. However, in someone injures an animal and the animal subsequently dies then it becomes a felony and the fine is up to $10,000. The committee also talked about getting the driver’s education manual updated. They would like to see at least one question on the test about blind pedestrians. When the committee gets ready to send out the letters, the committee will need to get the board’s approval and help to get copies made and sent out.

Convention – Jacquie talked to Marcy. She is still willing to do the convention as long as she has volunteers. Chris said he talked with his pastor and he was ok with doing the raffles. Chris also tried to get in touch with Marcy, but hasn’t been able to reach her yet. Jacquie will contact Marcy and have her contact Chris to look at his church. Jacquie and Sherry will help with the convention. Marti can also help and Chris will help in some way. Jacquie will get with Marcy and put together a list of what needs to be done and send it out to everyone.

Fundraisers – Sherry said she finally received an email from the gal with Thankful Thursday; however, the phone number she provided will not allow her to leave a message and no one ever answers. She will email her again to verify the number and see if she can get more information. Since she’s not getting anywhere, we need to get going on other packages. It was suggested that we don’t keep hitting up the same businesses for donations. Chris will hit up a metal work business that going out of business and see if they would donate something. Everyone will start looking into getting packages put together.

Scholarships – Dolores joined call late but said 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 informed the board that brochures have been ordered and board needs to decide how many stands we need and get those disseminated. She will be picking up brochures in the next week or so. Jacquie will also get a listing of all optometrists for the state. Senior centers were also suggested as a good place to put out brochures. Jacquie would like everyone to figure out how many brochures are needed for their area by the 20th. Jacquie will check on the cost for cardboard stands vs. plastic stands.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry informed the board that she received an email from a gal who would like to donate her later mother’s video eye camera. She wants the council to decide who could use it and give it to them. Jacquie suggested we keep it and give it away as a door prize at the convention. Chris also said that he talked with Lois and the nursing home where her husband is located could also use something like this. The board will work on figuring how where to donate this camera and discuss further at next month’s meeting.

No other new business.

Marti Blough moved to adjourn meeting. 2nd by D’Anna Feurt. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.