# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from May’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

on May 12, 2020

The May regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:04 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, Kendall Bays, and Cheryl Godley

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

Board Members –Dolores Dolbare, Chris Johnson

Minutes from April meeting was emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. All board members had reviewed the minutes, so they were not read. No corrections or additions were made to the minutes. Marti Blough moved to accept the April minutes. 2nd by Kendall Bays. M/C.

April’s Treasurer reports was also emailed prior to the meeting and reviewed by all board members. No corrections or additions were made. Beginning balance from 4/01/2020 was $6,893.32. Ending balance was $6,686.59. Marti Blough moved to accept treasurers reports as presented. 2nd by D’Anna Feurt. M/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – Sherry obtained another resource for college students and sent the information to webmaster, Annette, to add to the website. She also received the newsletters to send out and will be getting those mailed out soon. She will also get a copy to Annette to add to the website.

Advocacy – White Cane Law - Sherry stated that they had a meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. They typically meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Sherry informed the board that Tom contacted 8 of the 9 groups and that she got a list of senior centers from the website and said that it is hit and miss on getting in contact with anyone. Leslie and Laurel have been working on all the organizations and Sherry has received email from some people for testimonials. One of those involved a man from Lovell who was hit while crossing in a crosswalk while using a white cane. He is going to type up a testimonial and send it to her. Sherry believes he will make an excellent advocate for the law. Sherry also informed the board that a few weeks prior that she had attended a Zoom meeting for disability services and all the attendees were aware of WyCB and the white cane law the council is working on. Tom has also been on the radio talking about the white cane law. Sherry and Tom have also been in contact with a couple of senators about what needs to be done to get legislation presented. They are going to work on getting testimonials and then figure out how they want things worded and whether they want to also make changes to driver’s education materials.

Convention – Sherry had nothing new to add regarding convention due to cancellation of 2020 convention. D’Anna will email 2020 membership list to Jacquie to contact members about running for vacant board positions.

Fundraisers – Sherry has nothing to add right now. Jacquie did not get any responses from emails she sent out requesting mor information about the Thankful Thursday events.

Scholarships – Sherry tried calling Delores a few times but was unable to reach her. Sherry did not get a chance to contact Sharon about taking over the scholarship from Delores, but she will contact her about it and about running for one of the board positions. Sherry will also call Chris and see if he has talked with anyone about the scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – Brochure holders – The board ordered a sample holder from Brochure Holders 4 U for $10 and Sherry received the sample and sent photos of the holder to all board members. The sample was good quality, but that it will only work for sitting on tables. It cannot be mounted on a wall. The sample also did not have any imprinting on it. Jacquie believes we will need close to 200 holders to put in all the eye clinics as well as other health clinics and senior centers, etc. Cheryl inquired as to whether the doctor’s offices were willing to allow the council to put brochures in their offices. Jacquie and Sherry both stated they believe the doctors would be more than willing to allow them. Cheryl also informed the board that Dr. Holmes was supposed to doing a 2-hour presentation on macular degeneration at Casper College. She suggested possibly asking him if he would be willing to take some brochures with him to hand out. Cheryl will check with him and find out. Board decided on blue holders with imprint of WyCB logo and Wyoming Council of the Blind on the front. D’Anna Feurt moved to order 200 blue holders with imprint of WyCB logo and Wyoming Council of the Blind, if possible. 2nd by Kendall Bays. M/C

Phone – Sherry informed the board that when D’Anna set up the automatic payment online, somehow the payment did not go through. She and D’Anna got the phone situation resolved. D’Anna called AT&T and paid the April charges of $27.88 and a $25 return check fee for a total of $52.88 with her person debit card, so she will need to be reimbursed. D’Anna called the bank about the payment not being honored and the bank was unable to determine why the payment did not go through. D’Anna requested a debit card for the council’s account and then set up the phone to be automatically paid via the debit card. Jacquie questioned whether this was the best route and whether we could find a cheaper alternative. D’Anna is also working on getting the labels printed with the new phone number for the brochures and will send them to Sharon Byers when completed since she has the brochures.

NEW BUSINESS

ACB Braille Forum Raffle –Sherry received an email from Allan Peterson about ACB’s raffle. A ticket is $50 and only 500 tickets are being sold. Prizes are $5,000, $1,000 $500. Sherry wants to know if the board is interested in purchasing a ticket this year since we did last year. The proceeds go towards the printing of the Braille Forum. The convention is online this year and they will draw for the raffle on the last day, July 9, 2020. Cheryl believes that it is a worthwhile cause to support and buy a ticket and that if the council wins, then we receive additional money to support our cause. Cheryl Godley moved to purchase one ticket at $50 for the Braille Forum. 2nd by Marti Blough. M/C. D’Anna will contact Allan regarding the council’s desire to purchase a ticket and then get the money sent to him.

Sherry also informed the board that she needs to purchase ink for her printer that she uses to print out minutes and other documents for council use as well as stamps to mail out some of the newsletters. Kendall Bays moved to allow Sherry to purchase stamps and ink cartridges for over $50. 2nd by Cheryl Godley. M/C.

Lastly, Sherry informed the board that the 153rd Airlift Wing will be doing flyovers over all the hospitals throughout the state and that they will be starting in Lusk. The times can be found online for anyone that is interested in seeing them.

No other new business.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Jacquie Flatley moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Cheryl Godley. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.