# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from July’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

on July 14, 2020

The July regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:10 pm. Roll call indicated that there were only 3 members were present, thus there was no quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Jacquie Flatley

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

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

Minutes from June’s meeting were emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. All board members had reviewed the minutes, so they were not read. Minor corrections were made to the minutes. Minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

June’s Treasurer report was also emailed prior to the meeting and reviewed by all board members. Beginning balance from 6/01/2020 was $6,557.09. Ending balance was $6,530.50. Treasurer’s report could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – White Cane Law – Sherry, Tom, Laurel and Leslie held a meeting last Tuesday. They have not received any additional testimonials. Tom will call Ken Salazar (Dubois) and Charlie Scott (Casper) and ask them if they think we have a shot at changing anything with what we have so far. Sherry was on a conference call with a disability group with representatives from Barasso and Enzi’s offices and they have some things that they have worked out that haven’t been presented yet and told the group that most of the things they were currently working on were COVID-19 related. They are still going to see what can be done. The group is going to try and have the penalties comparable to those for animal cruelty which are a felony. Sherry also found some laws from other states to use some of their language as well. Sherry will also contact the President of National Federation of the Blind (NFB) for some additional guidance.

Fundraisers – None

Scholarships – D’Anna sent contact list to Sharon; however, it contained mostly email addresses and Sharon does not use email. D’Anna may end up emailing everyone the information for the scholarship and then have them send applications to Sharon in hard copy format.

Website – None

Convention - None

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – D’Anna printed and mailed correction labels to Sharon. Sharon called and said she needed a few additional labels to finish the rest of the brochures. Those were also printed and mailed to Sharon. D’Anna also contacted the brochure holder company about purchasing the brochure holders. They are going to create a proof to use for imprinting on the holders as they require a proof in a certain software format that she does not have. They charge $30-40 to create the proof, but it is only a one-time fee no matter how many orders are placed. They will send proof to D’Anna to review once completed. She will forward the proof to board members to review prior to ordering. D’Anna also inquired about splitting the shipment up and sending to several different addresses. The company can split the order into 2 shipments at no extra charge. Any more than 2 shipments will be $5 per shipment.

Annual Meeting, Voting, Bylaws – Sherry reviewed the bylaws and they do not say anything about voting when there is no annual convention. She looked through Roberts’ Rules of Order and found nothing in there either. She also looked through the Nonprofit Corporation Acts and found some emergency actions, but much of it was related to COVID-19. Sherry and Tom reviewed the bylaws which state that the board conducts business from convention to convention. An interpretation of the bylaws indicates that in the event an office is vacated prior to the end of that term, the board can appoint a person to that position until an election for the vacated position is held. And if an annual meeting/convention is not held, board positions are held over until the next annual meeting/convention. Whether this interpretation is correct is not certain. However, Sherry has decided to stay on another year to see the White Cane Law through to its end

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NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.