# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from October’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

on October 13, 2020

The October regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:04 pm. Roll call indicated that there were 4 members were present, thus no quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Jacquie Flatley and Chris Johnson

Guests: Tom Lealos

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

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

Minutes from August and September’s meetings were emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. Jacquie questioned whether we could vote on the prior meetings’ minutes via email. Tom believed that if there were extenuating circumstances then it could possibly be done. No corrections or additions to September’s minutes. Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

August and September’s Treasurer reports were also emailed prior to the meeting. No corrections or additions to September treasurer report. Treasurer’s reports could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy –

White Cane Law – Sherry sent a copy to state representative Hans Hunt asking if he would be interested in helping out with the white cane law. D’Anna mentioned email Jacquie had forwarded to the board regarding Governor Gordon’s upcoming signing of the White Cane Proclamation on Thursday, October 15, 2020. D’Anna suggested Sherry forward the white cane law information to Ginny Chidsey with Vision Outreach Services as well.

Talking Books Program – Wyoming Department of Education sent Sherry an email saying that they extended the funding for the program for another year through June 2022. Sherry replied to the email stating that she wanted to contact the responsible committee to ensure funding continues beyond 2022. She was told the Appropriations Committee would handle this issue. Sherry is going to tweak the letter and send it to the committee members. She has also been trying to get in touch with Lisa Nelson with the Utah State Library to find out how many people use the Talking Books program. Sherry wants WyCB to pay for printing and postage for the letters. Tom stated that the “Free matter for the blind” stamp works for those with disabilities as well since the program user has to have a disability of some sort to qualify for the program. Sherry will talk with Lisa and see what way will work best to get letters out. There are 700 or so users of the program. Chris talked with a friend who works for the Utah State Library and was told that although the program goes through the National Library System, users still have to go through the state program to gain access. Once Sherry talks with Lisa at the Utah State Library, we can figure out how to proceed with notifying program participants. Several members suggested contacting newspapers and radio stations to get the word out. Tom will draft a letter to members of the appropriations committee and forward to Sherry before sending out.

Fundraisers – None

Scholarships – None

Website – None

Convention - None

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – D’Anna is still waiting on artwork proof from the company to review before proceeding with order. She will follow up with them and let the board know.

NEW BUSINESS

Talking Books program – the next meeting regarding the Talking Books program is scheduled for October 15th, but Marti reminded her that the Presidential debate was supposed to take place so it was changed to October 22nd at 7:00 pm on regular board meeting call-in number.

No other new business.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.