# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from December’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

 on December 8, 2020

The December regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:08 pm. Roll call indicated that there were 3 members present, thus no quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Jacquie Flatley and Chris Johnson joined later

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

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

Minutes from November’s meeting were emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

November’s Treasurer’s report was also emailed prior to the meeting. Treasurer’s report could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention – None, currently on hold

Fundraisers – None, currently on hold

Scholarships – Jacquie picked up scholarship materials from Dolores and was going to get it to Sharon; however, it was discussed whether Sharon could work on it due to her lack of email and computer access. It was decided that Jacquie would send the materials to D’Anna and she would work on it this year.

Advocacy –

White Cane Law – The group held a meeting on December 1. Tom drafted a cover letter, and they adjusted the white cane law. Sherry will email cover letter and proposal to all joint appropriations committee members. They added language addressing current issues they are facing and requested that when the driver’s manual is updated that the council be contacted for input and guidance.

Talking Books Program – A meeting was held on December 3. They had a good turnout for the meeting including Brendan from Oil City News, someone from NFB, and Bob Walters from Protection & Advocacy Group. Bob suggested the council do a white paper and if Sherry asked then they would put it in their monthly newsletter. Brendan will be doing a write up about the program for Oil City News. Gary Olson and his wife put together a video talking about the Talking Books program and showed how it works and talked about BARD. Sherry is going to send his video to Governor Gordon and the department of Education as well as the appropriations committee members to view.

Website – None

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – Sharon has the brochures and all of them have been updated with the corrected labels. D’Anna has been unsuccessful in getting the gal from the brochure holder company to respond to emails requesting the status of getting the proposed artwork for the holders. D’Anna will follow up again for a status prior to next month’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.