# **Wyoming Council of the Blind**

Minutes from January’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone

 on January 12, 2021

The January regular board meeting was called to order by President, Sherry Leinen, at 7:13 pm. Sherry informed the board that Marti Blough resigned from her position. Roll call indicated that there were 4 members were present, thus a quorum.

Officers Present:

President – Sherry Leinen

Secretary/Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt

Board Members present:

Jacquie Flatley, Chris Johnson

Guests: none

Absent:

Vice President – Mikaela Piasecki

Board Members – Dolores Dolbare, Kendall Bays Cheryl Godley

Minutes from November and December’s meetings were emailed to the board by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting. No corrections or additions to any of the prior months’ minutes. Jacquie Flatley moved to accept November and December’s meeting minutes as presented. 2nd by Chris Johnson. M/C

November and December’s Treasurer reports were also emailed prior to the meeting. No corrections or additions to any of the prior months’ treasurer reports. Jacquie Flatley moved to accept November and December’s treasurer reports as presented. 2nd by Chris Johnson. M/C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention –

Due to ongoing COVID-19 issues, it’s still unclear whether we could hold an in-person convention for 2021. Chris suggested doing a virtual meeting even if for just a day. Jacquie also suggested doing an outdoor convention using a tent and/or covered gazebo to provide shelter from the sun and elements. Chris also suggested reaching out to vendors to determine if they would be interested in participating. Jacquie doesn’t believe many of the Casper members would participate in a virtual meeting setting. D’Anna will draft a survey to include with membership renewal forms being mailed out this week. Survey questions to include preference for indoors or outdoors and comfort level with video conferencing.

Fundraisers – on hold for now.

Scholarships – D’Anna reviewed scholarship information she received from Jacquie. She will contact Annette to have information on the website updated with her contact information and corrected dates and application. D’Anna will also get updated applications and information sent out to school contacts. Board members agreed to keep March 15, 2021 as the postmark deadline and April 15, 2021 for decision deadline.

Advocacy –

White Cane Law – Sherry has not received any responses from any of the joint appropriations committee members; however, there were several holidays in December. Sherry will email them again to try and get responses. No meeting was held in January (usually 1st Tuesday of the month) since no one else had received responses either.

Talking Books Program – Sherry spoke with Sandy Behounek and she was able to talk with a few legislators about the program. Sandy said many of them had never heard of the program before. D’Anna knows someone on the Wyoming Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities and will reach out to her about the council’s concern with the talking books program being defunded as of July 1, 2022 and council’s work on getting the white cane law revised and see if they could also help.

Website – None

OLD BUSINESS

Brochures – D’Anna advised the board that she’s had no luck getting the brochure holder company to respond to emails on artwork status in order to purchase holders for the brochures. D’Anna suggested purchasing some cardboard holders for now and printing up labels with the council’s logo and name in lieu of more expensive holders at this time. This would allow the board to the already purchased brochures out to the public and potentially increase participation in the council and the board. D’Anna will check on prices for these and advise the board of the cost. Sherry will contact Sharon and Jacquie about getting the brochures from Sharon since it seems unlikely Sharon would be willing to handle this due to COVID concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.