**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**Minutes from February’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone on February 7, 2023**

**The February regular board meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Godley, at 7:02 PM. Roll call indicated that there were five members present, thus a quorum.**

**Officers present:**

**President – Cheryl Godley**

**Vice President – Tom Lealos**

**Secretary – Sherry Leinen**

**Board Members present:**

**Debra Thompson, Sharon Byers**

**Guests: Jacquie Flatley, Nate Appledorn**

**Absent:**

**Board Members: Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt – excused. Chris Johnson – unexcused.**

**Minutes from January’s meeting were emailed to the board by Sherry Leinen prior to the meeting. Tom Lealos motioned to approve the minutes as sent, 2nd by Sharon Byers. M/C.**

**D’Anna was on vacation and didn’t get the treasurers report sent before the meeting. She will send the report later. A question was asked about the IRS report that is filled out every year. It was stated that D’Anna handles this.**

**Jacquie is requesting $30 for paper and ink for Thankful Thursday paperwork.**

**Tom motioned to send Jacquie an additional $30 along with the $250 from last meeting for Thankful Thursday, 2nd by Debra and Sharon. M/C.**

**Cheryl mentioned that the WyCB phone is not accessible for someone who can’t see. She took it to AT&T and they said for $7-$12 more a month they could switch to an iPhone.**

**Tom motioned we update the WyCB phone to an iPhone for $7-$12 more month, 2nd by Debra. M/C.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter**

**The next newsletter will go out July. There was a discussion about some printing issues with the newsletter. There seems to be a lag between the newsletter being finished and getting it mailed. Tom Smyth volunteered to take over mailing (email and hard copies) the newsletter.**

**Debra motioned to have the Tom’s work together to produce the newsletter from printing to mailing. 2nd by Tom. M/C. They will need an updated membership list from D’Anna. They will both check on some discounted printing options, Quality Office Solutions and the UPS store.**

**Cheryl sent a copy of the Newsletter and Thankful Thursday information to Annette to put on the website.**

**Advocacy**

**Talking Books**

**Tom sent an email to the new Superintendent of Public Instruction – Megan Degenfelder. He asked about the 2024 funding date. The response was that there was nothing to report at this time. Tom will touch base with Leslie Van Orman with VOS to see if she has any updates. Nate asked which email Tom used. Nate suggested a different email. He suggested using: Superintendent@wyo.gov. He stated that the email would be sent directly to the superintendent instead of her office staff.**

**White Cane Law**

**Sherry sent the White Cane Law proposal to Representative Landon Brown who is the chairman of the Transportation, and Highways and Military Affairs Committee. He emailed back and stated that they weren’t receiving any new bills for this year but he would be willing to help in the future.**

**Sherry sent the proposal for the Wyoming Drivers Education Manual changes to Renée Kocina who is the Deputy Program Manager for DOT. She hasn’t heard back from her as of yet. Sherry will stay in contact with both of these individuals. Nate had some suggestions or some legislators who may be able to help with the white cane law. He will send the information on these two legislators to Sherry.**

**Convention**

**Tom, Debra, and Sherry had the first committee meeting on January 24, 2023. We picked four dates for the board to choose from, two in June and two in September. June 17 and 24th and September 9 and 16th. We discussed having the convention in person, Zoom, or hybrid. We discussed the possibility of having a convention in other towns besides Casper. Those included: Cody, Cheyenne, Rock Springs, and Newcastle. If we have a hybrid convention we discussed having WIL host the zoom portion. If WIL has to travel to the convention we discussed having WyCB covering the cost for travel and stay. We discussed several speaker possibilities.**

**It was decided by the board to have a hybrid convention on September 9, 2023. Casper is centralized in the state so we will have the convention in Casper. Tom will call Amy Burns about using WIL’s room for the convention. We will continue to work on a theme and presenters.**

**(Convention planning meeting notes will be attached to these minutes).**

**Fundraiser**

**Thankful Thursday**

**As individuals continue to put the packages together please make sure that Jacquie gets all of the information. Jacquie talked to Hillary with WIL and she will put that information on their Facebook page. Cheryl composed a letter and is giving it out to businesses that donate. She will send it to the board, she will send a hard copy to Sharon and Debra. Jacquie and Tom finished the letter of invitation. Tom will send it to the board and newspapers and radio from his list. Tom will send it to newspapers at the end of February – the week of the 27th. D’Anna volunteered to work on the flyer to be put up before the fundraiser. Jacquie mentioned that her friend Liz is a web designer. She will talk to her friend about working on the flyer. It needs to include (who – what – where – when – why). Each person that gets donations needs to be responsible for sending a thank you. A list will be made at the end of the event so that we can send everyone a note stating how much we made for our fundraiser. Everyone needs to continue to work on packages.**

**Brochures**

**Jacquie talked to Nick Brattis. He moved to a new place and the brochures that he bought are in a box and his unsure of where they are at. We need to order more brochures because we need to make a few changes. Jacquie wants to be the one to pick up the new brochures. She got some prices from Mountain States Lithographing.**

**100 - $76.50**

**250 - $128.00**

**500 - $203.00**

**Tom motioned we order an additional 500 brochures with the new changes. 2nd by Debra. M/C.**

**Jacquie checked some prices for table covers and tabletop banners with our logo on them. She checked with Bar D Signs and 4-Imprint.**

**At Bar D Signs a sign with a frame 3’X2’ is $300. A heavy vinyl tabletop banner 8 foot is $239 plus tax. At 4-Imprint a fabric tabletop is $149 and is ready to ship in two business days, it fits an eight-foot table. Jacquie will check to see what Pedens would charge. If it is over $149 we will go with 4-Imprint. She will email the board.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made from a previous meeting that any expenditures over $25 need the board’s approval. There was a discussion about changing this motion to a higher amount possibly $50.**

**Tom motioned that expenditures between $25 – $50 need the approval of the president and another officer. They will discuss and decide whether the request is approved allowing us to conduct necessary WyCB business. 2nd by Debra. M/C.**

**No other new business. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM. Cheryl felt that we needed another meeting before our regular scheduled meeting.**

**We will have a meeting on February 23, 2023 at 10 AM.**

**Our next regular scheduled meeting is March 14, 2023 at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen-Secretary**