**Wyoming Council Of the Blind**

**Minutes from March’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone on March 14, 2023**

**The March regular board meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Godley, at 7 PM. Roll call indicated that there were six board members and three members present, thus a quorum.**

**Officers present:**

**President – Cheryl Godley**

**Vice President – Tom Lealos**

**Treasurer – D’Anna Feurt**

**Secretary – Sherry Leinen**

**Board Members present:**

**Debra Thompson, Sharon Byers**

**Members present:**

**Jacquie Flatley, Chris Johnson, Nate Appledorn**

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

**Treasurers report:**

**January**

**Beginning balance: $3688.78**

**Ending balance: $6007.35**

**February**

**Beginning balance: $6007.35**

**Ending balance: $5666.51**

**Treasurers reports were read by D’Anna. She will send them later. Both accepted as read.**

**WyCB’s IRS report is done after June 30th, since the fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. D’Anna has the original IRS document.**

**D’Anna got the square set up to use for Thankful Thursday. It can be set up on the website so people can pay for dues and other things like donations. This will be discussed with Annette.**

**Jacquie has spent $90 of the $250 on various items for the Thankful Thursday baskets.**

**Leah Larson printed the flyers and invitation letters for us.**

**Tom Smythe will make a new 2023 membership list.**

**WyCB phone – Cheryl is now on the phone account. The store told her that she would have to buy a new phone in order for it to be accessible for her and it is very expensive. She will continue using the old phone at this time.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter**

**The newsletter is now on the website. Any information for the newsletter should be sent to Tom L. by mid June. Tom L will get the information to Tom S and the newsletter will be sent out in late July.**

**There was some discussion about mailing the convention information and the newsletter at the same time. D’Anna mentioned that the membership renewal and the last newsletter went out together and she only got eight back. It was decided to keep the convention information and the newsletter as 2 separate mailings.**

**Sherry gave a report about one of the ACB imperatives.**

**On March 10, Harriet Tubman day, the American Council of the Blind and supporters rallied in front of the White House and marched to the U.S. Treasury to highlight the ongoing fight for accessible and inclusive currency for all. As a result of this rally, five members of the American Council of the Blind met with representatives of the U.S. Treasury and Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and for the first time, touched the certified tactile feature that will be included as part of the $10 bill redesign in 2026. The U.S. Treasury agreed to quarterly meetings with the American Council of the Blind to provide progress reports on the key milestones as they work with completing the redesign of the $10 bill by 2026.**

**Facebook – the Thankful Thursday information has been posted to Facebook by WIL, Sherry, Jacquie and Rick Geringer. There was a discussion about whether WyCB needs their own Facebook page. It was discovered that WyCB does have a Facebook page, but we need to find out more information about it. We need to find out who set it up, and what email was used. Cheryl will ask Mikaela Piesecki if she knows anything about it.**

**Convention**

**Our Hybrid Convention will be held on September 9, 2023 in Casper. Tom talked to Amy Burns with WIL and we can use one of their conference rooms. He needs to still ask her about bringing food.**

**We will have five speaking slots and our annual meeting. Four of the five slots have been confirmed.**

**Laurel Henry will do a presentation on personal protection from SEED (Safety Education Empowering Defense).**

**Leslie Van Orman will update us on what VOS is doing.**

**Ryan Rousch from WATR (Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources) we’ll talk about low tech phones – accessible phones that are not iPhones or android.**

**Melissa Walker, who is an O&M instructor, will give an O&M (Orientation and Mobility) training.**

**We need one more speaker. Please let Tom know if you have any ideas.**

**We still need to come up with the the theme, the amount for registration fees, and what to do for food.**

**There were a few ideas discussed, such as using door dash to order food or having everyone bring their own lunch.**

**The convention committee will discuss these matters at the next convention committee meeting.**

**Our next convention meeting is March 21 at 5 PM.**

**Thankful Thursday**

**We have enough items for approximately 30 baskets.**

**There was a discussion about saving a few baskets to raffle later. It was decided that since all of the items were donated for Thankful Thursday they should be used for Thankful Thursday.**

**We have enough volunteers for all of the jobs at the event.**

**Cheryl received the tablecloth and it’s very nice.**

**Cheryl has an interview with Drew on April 4 to talk about some of the raffle items and what the money will be used for.**

**Jacquie will send the final list soon.**

**Cheryl, Sharon, and Jacquie put up flyers all over Casper. Letters have also been sent out. It was mentioned that letters could be sent to old members. The basket list will be added to the website.**

**Debra mentioned that when her bank donated $100, the person at the bank mentioned some possible grants to look into for next year.**

**Cheryl mentioned that several resources have been added to the website.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**According to WyCB bylaws a board member who has a certain number of unexcused absences will be called by the president and asked if they want to remain on the board. Chris Johnson hasn’t been active on the board. Cheryl made contact with Chris but didn’t hear back for at least a month. It was a unanimous vote that Chris be removed from the board. Cheryl will call him and let him know that he is no longer on the board. He can add his name to the election at the convention if he wants to get back on the board.**

**We will have another meeting on Monday, March 27 at 7 PM.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen – Secretary**