**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**Minutes from August’s regular board meeting held via phone on August 15, 2023**

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

**Officers present:**

**President – Cheryl Godley**

**Vice President – Tom Lealos**

**Secretary – Sherry Leinen**

**Interim Treasurer – Tom Smyth**

**Directors present:**

**Debra Thompson, Sharon Byers**

**Members present:**

**Jacquie Flatley, Nate Appledorn, Dolores Dolbare**

**Minutes from July’s meeting were emailed to the board by Sherry Leinen prior to the meeting. Tom L made a motion to accept the minutes as sent, second by Sharon. M/C**

**Treasurers report:**

**Beginning balance: $5744.35**

**Income: $60.73**

**Expenditures: $67.86**

**Ending balance: $5737.22**

**Tom S is now the registered agent. The IRS report is done and the annual treasurers report is also complete.**

**The PayPal account is on hold.**

**Our membership is up to 16.**

**D’Anna is staying on as the administrator for the square account through Thankful Thursday.**

**It was discussed in past meetings to increase our Webmaster Annette’s pay from $25 to $75 a month.**

**Tom L made a motion to change Annette Carter’s pay for the website from $25 to $75 a month, second by Debra. M/C**

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports for Convention Business Meeting**

**Tom L: WyCB Roundup, Convention, Newsletter**

**Debra T: Scholarship**

**Sherry L: Advocacy – White Cane Law, Talking Books**

**Tom S: Annual Report, Secretary of State, IRS**

**Cheryl G: Website, Membership, Grants**

**Jacquie F: Fundraising**

**Please have a written report for Sherry before the convention.**

**Convention**

**Everything is ready for the convention. Debra will draw the 4 gift certificates throughout the convention. We will need to have all participants names written on a little piece of paper for the drawing. Sherry will need a current membership list and the names of everyone registered for the convention. Sherry will need to know whether those registered are members for the roll call at the beginning of the business meeting. Only paid members can vote during the business meeting.**

**Cheryl would like to do a tribute to John Grove during lunch. Tom S will read the obituary.**

**Debra will pick up bottled water and snacks in Casper before the convention.**

**Someone will need to do housekeeping at the very beginning of the convention. Right now we have eight registered.**

**Scholarship**

**Debra sent the scholarship information to Leslie with VOS and Leslie sent the information to 4 individuals. At this time there are no applicants.**

**Thankful Thursday**

**We will need $200 in small bills for the fundraiser.**

**Tom L made a motion to approve $200 in small bills for the fundraiser, second by Debra. M/C**

**Tom S will get the bills $100 in fives and $100 in one’s.**

**The website has been updated with any changes.**

**40 flyers have been put up so far. they will continue to be put up until the fundraiser. Dolores is taking flyers to the eye doctors in Casper.**

**Leah will print out 50 more.**

**We need to get a thank you to WIL.**

**It was decided that the volunteers at the fundraiser will get an extra door prize ticket.**

**Guns for the Fundraiser.**

**Wagners will provide the guns. Gary Godley will pick out and pick up the two guns to be raffled off. The money for the guns needs to be paid that night, Gary will then return the guns to Wagners, the person that bought each gun needs to go fill out and get the gun registered in their name at Wagners.**

**Cheryl mentioned that she is not comfortable with WyCB funds paying for guns.**

**After much discussion about guns going through WyCB as a transaction a motion was made.**

**Sherry made a motion on whether we move forward with getting guns from Wagners, then the buyer pays WyCB for the guns at TT, then WyCB pays Wagners for the guns at cost, second by Debra. 4 yes, Cheryl no, Tom S abstain. M/C**

**WyCB Roundup**

**Tom L sent out the PSA to the radio and newspaper stations on his list, to VOS, to WIL, to WSIL, and to the senior centers around the state. He will send out a reminder notice one week before the next Roundup. They are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. The next one is August 23, 2023. Tom L will take the lead on it. Everyone needs to work on facilitating these.**

**Membership**

**Cheryl, Sherry and Debra gave reports on their membership calls. We have received a few new members.**

**Tom S needs an email if we send convention information to anyone.**

**New Business**

**WIL will have a table August 29-31 at the Ramkota in Casper during their Peer Advocacy Conference. It would be nice if someone from WyCB could be available to represent WyCB. Sharon said she would go. Cheryl will get Sharon the information for the WI L contact person.**

**Cheryl would like everyone to think about the following for a discussion at a future meeting.**

**Clarification of membership each year: membership applications to be sent out January 15 of each year. Applications to be returned by February 28 of each year so they may be tallied for ACB report on March 1 of each year. A note will be placed on the application that if dues are received after February 28, the individual will not receive the ACB forum and will not be counted for voting for WyCB.**

**Another area to address: these are being presented here now, but we are not going to take the time at this meeting to address them. Please think about the following issues:**

**Future Convention Dates: I would like to see us find a consistent month and week that we hold the convention so that folks can address their schedules accordingly from one year to the next; consider June or September.**

**Scholarship Deadlines: it is important for applications for the scholarship to be available in February and the deadline to be in the spring, so that individuals know if they have a scholarship in time for graduation (if in high school) and will have the money before starting college.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen – Sec.**

**The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 PM please mark your calendar.**