**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**Minutes from regular March Board Meeting held via phone**

**March 9, 2021**

**The March regular board meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President, Sherry Leinen. Roll call indicated that** there **were three members present, which is not enough to constitute a quorum.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Officers present:**

**President-Sherry Leinen**

**Board Members:**

**Dolores Dolbare, Jacquie Flatley, Cheryl Godley**

**Absent:**

**Vice President-Mikaela Piasecki**

**Secretary/Treasurer-D’Anna Feurt**

**Board Members-Kendall Bays, Chris Johnson**

**Minutes from the February meeting had been emailed by D’Anna Feurt prior to the meeting for review by board members. No corrections or additions to the minutes were noted. Minutes approved as read.**

**Treas.’s report for February was also emailed prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were noted. Report approved as read.**

**NOTE: Per a recent Leadership Workshop that Sherry attended where Roberts Rules of Order were discussed, it was determined that there is no need to vote on the prior month’s minutes and treasurers report unless there are corrections noted, therefor no vote was called for.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Convention-**

**-Since D’Anna was absent, no updated survey results were available regarding choice of venue.**

**-Board members were emailed a menu from Racca’s for consideration as a possible location.**

**-Discussion was held regarding whether or not masks will be required at the convention, if we decide to move forward with having a convention in 2021. Those in attendance at this meeting were in favor of letting conference attendees make their own decision. This will be discussed further at the upcoming convention planning meeting.**

**-Since this is going to be such a small convention (based solely on the lack of response to the questionnaire that was mailed out), the board should be able to handle the planning of the convention. We may only need 2 to 3 speakers.**

**Cheryl Godley volunteered to be a speaker discussing (Losing Vision in Middle and Late Adulthood) him. It was also suggested that we have a panel of folks for an open Q&A session.**

**-The annual meeting may possibly take place over the lunch hour. Topics to be discussed include**

**1) amending the Bylaws to address how to conduct business, like voting, in the event of an emergency, i.e Covid where we could conduct our annual business in other ways besides in person.**

**2) amending the Bylaws to address the matter of officers and/or board members who miss multiple meetings.**

**Scholarships-no updated information on scholarships.**

**Fundraisers- no discussion at this time.**

**Advocacy-**

**Tom Lealos, Allan Peterson and Sherry Leinen had several meetings during the ACB Legislative Seminar’s.**

 **On March 1 they met with Congresswoman Liz Cheney. On March 2 they met with Senator John Barrasso.**

**On Thursday, March 11 they will meet with Senator Cynthia Lummus.**

**Each meeting they discussed the three ACB Imperatives and also discussed the Talking Books Program and the White Cane Law proposal.**

**-White Cane Law-no new information at this time.**

**-Talking Books Program-Bob Walters with P&A requested information from the Department of Education. He sent this information via email and thumb drive to Tom Lealos and Sherry Leinen. This information will be discussed and a White Paper will be written and then distributed.**

**Website-No business at this time.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Brochures-D’Anna is working on labels for the brochure holders and will get them to board members.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**There will be a special Convention Planning meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Attendance by all board members is requested.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

**NOTE: Next regular board meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars.**