**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**October Board Meeting**

**October 4, 2022**

**The October board meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Godley, at 7:05 PM. Those in attendance were as follows:**

**President-Cheryl Godley**

**Vice President-Tom Lealos**

**Secretary-Sherry Leinen**

**Treasurer-D’Anna Feurt**

**Directors: Debra Thompson, Sharon Byers**

**Chris Johnson was also in attendance.**

**Six plus board members were present, thus constituting a quorum.**

**The September meeting minutes were read by Sherry. No corrections noted, Tom moved to accept, Debra 2nd, minutes approved.**

**Cheryl mentioned that Catherine Johnson Morris said she would apply to be a member of WyCB. She is a vision specialist and certified O&M specialist, she is also a great advocate.**

**Committee Reports**

**Advocacy- White Cane Safety Day. All of the board members helped put together information for an article on white cane safety day. Tom wrote the article and Cheryl wrote a cover letter and these were sent to everyone. Cheryl sent the article to the following papers in Casper: Cowboy Daily, StarTribune, and Cheryl and Tom were interviewed by Brendon LaChance with the Oil City News. The article is available online. Brendon would also like to run a second article. Tom got confirmation that the Powell Tribune and the Cody Enterprise will run the article. He will look into newspapers in Cody and Jackson.**

**D'Anna will check newspapers like the Wyoming Tribune Eagle in Cheyenne.**

**Sherry took the article to the Newsletter Journal in Newcastle.**

**Sherry will get the editor’s name and email for the Newletter Journal to Tom.**

**Debra will send Tom information on papers in Rock Springs, the Green River Star and the Rock Springs Rocket Minor.**

**Debra was given Glen Woods number (266-5252) at K2 radio.**

**We need to set up an event for next year.**

**Treasurers Report**

**Beginning balance: $4723.43**

**Ending balance: $3653.74**

**The convention went in the red.**

**It was brought to our attention that Lois Boyd’s husband passed away. Her address is 2705 E 11th St., Casper, WY 82609. Cheryl will send a card on behalf of WyCB.**

**Housekeeping Items**

**Sherry has the WyCB phone, the number is 307 – 629 – 1916.**

**It was discussed and decided that the meeting day will be changed. Tom made a motion to change the regular monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. 2nd by Sharon, M/C.**

**Jacquie will get the secretary information to Cheryl.**

**Sherry will be the website liaison. Sherry will talk to Annette to get the listserv set up and get the councils names changed on the website. The website security information needs to be put into a safe location.**

**Cheryl will ask Jacquie for past membership lists. Cheryl plans to call past members to ask them to rejoin.**

**D’Anna will get a copy of WyCB’s 501C3 document to the board members.**

**Cheryl contacted Leslie with VOS about their Braille embosser. It still isn’t working. Leslie gave Cheryl the phone number for the Minimum Security Prison in Torrington. We could have them put information in Braille, there is a charge. Cheryl is waiting for a reply.**

**When sending the minutes to Debra they need to be put into the body of an email so that she can read them with her phone.**

**Chris mentioned that he has of Braille Embosser but he hasn’t had time to get it running.**

**Newsletter**

**Tom Smythe will continue to do the final editing for our newsletter. If we do the newsletter as a group we need to have specific tasks.**

**D’Anna suggested that we change the newsletter to two times a year until we can find an editor.**

**Debra made a motion to change the newsletter from quarterly to biannually sending it out in January and July, 2nd by Tom. M/C.**

**It was suggested that we add the convention information, White Cane Day information, and ways for WyCB the grow to the newsletter.**

**Tom stated that if everyone sends information to him in 18pt Arial bold font in a word document, he will get the information together and send it to Tom Smythe. AMBI will continue to print and mail it for us. D’Anna will continue to email the newsletter.**

**During Cheryl’s recent speaking engagement, she met some members of the Montana Association for the Blind. In 2012 there was a split in the Association and now they are not affiliated with ACB or NFB. There were 80 people at her presentation. One individual expressed some concerns that they are not doing any advocacy at this time. They are now contracting with the Utah State Library for their Talking Books Program instead of using their State Library. The individual that Cheryl talked to thought that several individuals would be interested in forming their own affiliate in Montana. One individual that she talked to may be interested in joining WyCB.**

**Cheryl is researching some grants to see if she can get some funding for our organization. Cheryl feels that we need to provide more than just a once a year convention. Cheryl is going to check with W IL about doing some specialty zoom meetings on things like fashion and cooking.**

**Cheryl’s motto is: Revive – Strive – Thrive.**

**Cheryl would like to work on a membership drive. One idea is to get our brochures into the packets during the Ski for Light event.**

**Tom mentioned that membership recruitment should be our number one priority.**

**Debra suggested that we go out to schools and do demonstrations about white canes and guide dogs.**

**The White Cane Committee consists of Tom Lealos and Sherry Leinen. Sharon Byers and Debra Thompson volunteered to join this committee. Tom will contact everyone on this committee to set a date for a meeting.**

**Sharon will call Jacquie about the Thankful Thursday fundraiser. She will see if Jacquie wants to continue with this fundraiser, if not Sharon will work on this fundraiser.**

**Cheryl has a meeting with the Transportation Program Coordinator, Sharon. Cheryl will ask about any budget cuts with the Transportation Program.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen, Secretary**

**The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7 PM. Please mark your calendar.**