**Wyoming Council of the Blind**

**Minutes from July’s Regular Board Meeting held via phone on July 11, 2023**

**The July regular board meeting was called to order by Pres. Cheryl Godley at 7 PM. Roll call indicated that there were six board 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**

**Next month’s meeting will be changed to August 15 at 7 PM.**

**Minutes from June’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 Debra. M/C**

**Treasurers report:**

**Beginning balance: $5740.92**

**Income: $40.71**

**Expenditures: $37.28**

**Ending balance: $5744.35**

**Tom L made a motion to accept the treasurers report as sent, second by Debra. M/C**

**Cheryl asked Sharon if she had sent in her membership dues. Sharon said she sent her membership dues to D’Anna on June 6. Tom S will check with D’Anna to see if it’s been received.**

**Tom S is now the registered agent for the Secretary of State information. He paid the five dollars and will finish the paperwork online, then he can finish the report to the IRS.**

**PayPal account: Tom S wasn’t comfortable using his Social Security number online so Annette said she will use her Social Security number for the PayPal account.**

**Square account: D’Anna will stay on as the administrator for the account until after Thankful Thursday.**

**WyCB Roundup will be every fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. The first one will be July 26.**

**On the PSA that was written the number needs to be changed to the conference call number. It was suggested that we add a few descriptive words to explain what we are doing. It will be sent out the week of July 17.**

**It was suggested that we put together some PSA’s about WyCB. Cheryl will call Jacquie and discuss this with her. Tom L and Sherry will help. We need to call several newspapers and or radio stations to find out the criteria for PSA’s.**

**Scholarship**

**Debra hasn’t received any applications yet. Debra will call Laurel with VOS and see if she has any suggestions for applicants. Cheryl suggested calling Casper College and talking to the person who works with people with disabilities. Cheryl will have Annette put the scholarship information on the website.**

**Grants**

**Cheryl is waiting to hear from Teresa about grants.**

**Old Business**

**Fundraiser**

**Thankful Thursday: we are still waiting to hear about our new date.**

**The beacon was sold but the new owner plans to continue with thankful Thursday. Jacquie is working with Wind River Casino to get new coupons.**

**Website**

**The following information has been updated on the website.**

**Scholarship application**

**Incorporate PayPal with membership application**

**Donation buttons**

**Resources page**

**Zoom**

**iPhone S series**

**Convention registration**

**Convention**

**The program and cover letter are done. Need to finish the registration form. Tom S’s name and address will be on it. There will be six presenters, 4 in person and 2 via Zoom. Ryan with WATR will bring a few phones for everyone to look at. Tom will get the four $25 gift certificates from Walmart. [Walmart may donate them]. Tom will get the zoom call information from Amy and they will let us know the name of the host.**

**Sherry has a list of places to eat close to WIL. The convention information was in the Newsletter.**

**After registrations are received individuals will be sent the zoom information, the convention agenda, the annual business meeting agenda, and an election of officers list.**

**Tom S will be running for treasurer and Tom L will be running for vice president. Cheryl will call Sherry for help with the annual meeting.**

**The host for WIL will send out the zoom information.**

**Tom S will need to get the registrants email information to WIL so the zoom information can be sent to them.**

**Membership**

**The WyCB Roundup be held every fourth Wednesday at 7 PM.**

**Cheryl would like help calling past members. Sharon, Sherry, and Debra will help. Cheryl will send a list of names for each of them to call. We need to talk about everything that is going on right now with WyCB.**

**It was suggested that we give Jacquie a “Member of the Year” plaque and maybe pay for her membership.**

**Newsletter**

**Tom S will mail the newsletter by Free Matter. The newsletters were emailed.**

**The next newsletter will go out in January. Articles will need to be sent by mid-December. Articles can be sent to the editor email. The newsletter will include articles about the Convention, Thankful Thursday, and WyCB Roundup.**

**Reminder: White Cane Safety Day is in October. Be thinking about what we would like to do.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sherry Leinen – Sec.**

**The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7 PM. Please mark your calendar.**