American Council of the Blind of Indiana (A.C.B.I.)

Board Meeting via teleconference

October 24, 2015

Present were: Lynn Powers, John Huffman, Edie Huffman, Gerry Koors, Don Koors, Mike Bowman, Bill Sparks, Deanna Austin, Barbara Salisbury, Jeff Busch, Rich Vonderhaar, Don Lane, Brenda Eads, Sue L’Esperance, Vicky Saari and Rita Kersh,

The meeting started at approximately 10 a.m.

The agenda was approved with the following additions: 1) That the split for the auction proceeds be changed from 60% state/40% local chapter to 50% state/50% local chapter and 2) approval of previous minutes for 8/25/2015. Motion made by Don Lane, seconded by Rita; motion passed.

Approval of previous minutes for 7/25/2015 as corrected. One correction was made, on page 1, that July 21, 201 be July 21 2015. Second correction is to the Hofstetter accounts: General fund balance was $9,396.00; Endowment fund balance was $15,859.78; with the total amount in both Funds of $25,255.92

The 8/25/2015 minutes were approved as emailed.

The financial reports were approved as emailed.

The treasurer's report for the general fund included balances of $2,185.12 in the checking account; $3,944.04 in the savings account, and $39,184.54 in the Hillard Lyons account for a total balance of $45,313.70.

The Hofstetter Opportunity Grant Fund report included $ 9,396.00 in the General fund, $17,362.34 in the Endowment fund, for a total of $26,758.34.

Ardis Dobson Fund report $3,226.61.

We received the Walk-a-thon income of $515, which will be applied to the 2016 budget. There was no news about the car project.

Discussion ensued about reporting budgeted versus actual income and expenditures. The report that Don provides is required by law. Other reports would be useful and might require the use of spreadsheets.

? moved, Jeff seconding, the motion passed to accept the reports.

The joint 2015 state convention is in two weeks. The Nominating committee has a slate ready to propose. John spoke about the Constitution amendment language in Article 3 for membership. John questioned whether we should add the statement about the majority of members being blind or visually impaired. ACB does not require that affiliates have that language in their constitutions, but it is important. ACB does not require certification of visual impairment but goes by the format requested for material.

Barbara made the motion that “the majority of ACBI members must be blind or visually impaired”. Don Lane seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion ensued as to copies of the amendments. One Braille and several large print copies will be made available.

Auction overview:

1. At the end of the meeting, there will be a review of auction items to pare them down to 20 (as there are more, right now).
2. Barbara brought up the idea of changing the division of funds from 60% state/40% local. Discussion ensued. Barbara made the motion that the present 60% state/40% local split be changed to 50% state/50% local.” Discussion ensued as to whether the motion was for this year only. If the motion passes, the issue could be revisited the next year if someone feels strongly the other way. The issue will be discussed further in January 2016.

There are door prizes already promised. [The echoing became so bad that everyone hung up and dialed back in].

Fund raising activities at the convention

1. 50/50 raffle. Don proposed giving half of it away, as three prizes of 50%, 25% and 15%.
2. There will be 3 tables, (Don, Gerry, Harriet and Edie-for the state), SCAVI and Heartland.

Next year’s convention is suggested to be held in Indianapolis. Discussion will begin in January.

Focus deadline is November 15.

Midyear president and legislative meetings 2016. The budget allows for 3 people’s expenses to be at least partially covered. ACB did have a grant available in 2015 for a new person to attend, which may be available for 2016. It has to be applied for before the end of the year. The meetings will be held February 27-March 1, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, VA.

There was no web update. It was decided that there should be an indication of where to find the membership form.

The meeting dates for 2016 will be (4th Sat. of the first month of each quarter):

January 23, teleconference

April 23, teleconference

July 23, face to face

October 22, teleconference.

Vicki moved acceptance of dates, Don Lane seconded. The motion passed.

Don Koors mentioned that the costs for Kathy Nimmer’s attendance at the joint convention will be covered by Bosma. Don mentioned need to let all the attendees at the convention. They also support other organizations. Don also suggested giving her the Pat Price award (goes to blind/visually impaired person who has contributed to the blind and visually impaired community in Indiana). Vicki moved to give Kathy Nimmer the Pat Price award, ? seconded, motion passed

The only costs to Indiana for the convention are for the IU presenters.

SCAVI had a very successful chili supper (made by chapter members), raising over $900, with great attendance, of about 120. They have gained about 10 new members for 2015.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a. m. (print draft of minutes not available).

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Huffman, secretary