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

Board meeting via Teleconferencing

April 23, 2016

Present were: John Huffman, Edie Huffman, Don Koors, Jeff Busch, Gerry Koors, Barbara Salisbury, Rich Vonderhaar, Lynn Powers, Bill Sparks, Don Lane, Sue L’Esperance, and Brenda Eads.

Absent: Deanna Austin, Rita Kersh, Mike Bowman, June Geiger, and Vicki Saari.

The meeting started at 10:07 am. The agenda was approved (motion by John Huffman and seconded by Don Lane), with the addition of the midyear meeting and meal.

The minutes were approved, with a motion by Don Koors, seconded by Gerry.

The treasurer’s report was approved. (get)

The status of the treasurer change was discussed. There have been some problems with the bank. Moving the account to another institution was discussed.

Car sales receipts were $37 for the year to date.

Don Koors will walk again for the Brenda Dillon walk at ACB National convention in July – the national goal is $60,000. Half of what Don collects will be returned to ACBI.

The annual report to the Indiana secretary of state is due and the IRS 990 is May 15 (it is now an epostcard for our size organization.

The audit committee consists of Dolly and Mike Sowder

The state convention will be held at the Marten House in Indianapolis Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Don Koors will work on getting some speakers. Edie Huffman will offer an audio described television show of half an hour’s length

Possible program schedule:

Friday night: business meeting and Jim Durst speaking about education of blind and visually impaired children

Saturday: business meeting and xx Price (ophthalmologist), someone from Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security changes (Bill Sparks will contact agency).

Jeff Mittman was proposed as the banquet speaker.

Barbara has been appointed to a focus group of the Governor’s Council on Transportation.

Rita will contact vendors, with assistance from Edie. The vendor tables will cost $12.95, with a 2nd table for $15.00.

There will be no limit on auction items.

Lynn will send out an email about banquet choices. Registration price will include the banquet.

AV equipment will cost but Bill said he could supply microphones.

The sleeping room will cost $89 plus 17% tax per night, for a total of $104.13.

Discussion ensued regarding registration cost, with a suggestion of the traditional $25 pre-registration, $30 at the door or $30 pre-registration, $35 at the door. John moved that the pre-registration be set at $25 pre-registration, $30 at the door; Don Koors seconded. Motion passed.

A deposit check will be sent to Marten House.

Discussion ensued regarding the attendance of students from ISBVI and participants in the Bosma personal adjustment training program. Don Koors and John will man a table at ISBVI’s August event, providing information about ACBI.

It was suggested that a drawing be held to allow one ISBVI student and his/her parents to attend the convention, with their room and registration being paid for. The parents would pay for their meals. John made the motion, xxx seconded, motion passed.

The ACBI website was discussed. Ohio is holding a competition among student to design a website for nonprofits with enabling technology in the summer or fall. Sss

The midyear meeting was discussed. Barbara and Ted Boardman, from the Heartland Chapter, attended and he enjoyed his first ACB experience.

ACB news was discussed, including fundraising activities such as the Brenda Dillon walk, Monthly Monetary Support (MMS) and the Braille Forum raffle. The thrift stores were once responsible for ½ of ACB’s budget but that number is greatly reduced, and there are now only 3 thrift stores. There is a new advocacy director from National Industries for the Blind.

Session tax exempt status and health organizations.

Board members intending to attend the national convention in July include Lynn, Don and Gerry Koors and John and Edie. Don Koors announced that there were 2 Hoosier applicants for ACB scholarships.

The next meeting will be a face to face meeting on July 23 at the Indiana State Library at 10 am. (Actually, the library now opens at 10, so the meeting will be a little delayed. -Edythe Huffman)

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Huffman, secretary