

CCLVI Board Directors Meeting 2/11/2013

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Those present were Jim Jirak, Donna Pomerantz, Lindsey Tilden, Mike Godino, Richard Rueda, Leslie Spooone, Brian Petraits, Grady Ebert, Bianca Knight, Dan Smith, Allen Casey, Michael Byington, Fred Scheigert, Annette Carter, and Mike Keithley. Those not present were Lucinda Talkington and Reba Landry.

ACB Auction

Leslie Spooone is coordinating CCLVI's participation in the ACB Auction and the ACB Walk at convention. The Walk will take place on Saturday, July 6th from 7:00-9:00 am. Please let Leslie know if you would like to participate by June 15th. The Auction will take place on the evening of Tuesday, July 9th. The deadline for submission for the auction is also June 15th.

Minutes

The minutes from the November 12th Board meeting were approved with minor corrections. Donna and Michael Byington abstained because they were not in attendance at that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$30, 957.10

Savings: \$5.00

CDs: Total: \$60,74781

5 Year: \$12,186.93

4 Year: \$12,176.25

3 Year: \$12,170.91
2 Year: \$12,138.90
1 Year: \$12,074.82
Program Fund: \$23,934.80
Total Assets: \$115,644.70

This month Mike paid a scholarship and bills. Mike asked if he should roll the interest over on the 1 year CD. The consensus was yes.

A question about what the program fund's focuses were intended to be. This will be researched. It was asked if the prescription drug group travel reimbursement was paid. The answer is yes.

Annette would like the treasurer's report in a more accessible format. Annette has found errors and inconsistencies in the treasurer's reports.

Donna suggested converting the Excel spreadsheet to a Word table to increase readability Jim will work on it

Announcements

Jim announced that Reba Landry resigned from the board effective immediately. Her resignation letter is attached to the minutes in the permanent file.

Jim also announced that Lucinda Talkington has resigned as well. Her resignation letter is attached to the minutes in the permanent file.

Jim suggests leaving the positions open until elections in July.

It was moved to postpone selecting a new vice president and board member until July. Motion carried with one opposed

Committee Reports

Convention: Kathy Casey

The Convention Committee met once since the last Board meeting. Tentative schedule:

Friday

3:00 pm Board Organizational Meeting

5:00 pm Nominating Committee

Saturday

9:00 am Introductions

9:15 am Speaker

10:00 am Vendor Showcase

4:00 pm CCLVI Mixer – pizza, veggie tray, sodas, and beer

Sunday

1:15 pm International Speakers Panel (Jane Kardas)

1:45 pm Leadership Panel

7:00 pm Game Night (Ken Stewart)

Monday

1:15 pm Business Meeting

Tuesday

1:15 pm Toastmasters Meeting – Toastmasters is an international organization that incorporates leadership and public speaking skills. A member from Ohio and volunteers from her chapter will be leading the session. There will be an overview of a Toastmaster’s meeting and then some speeches.

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm “Going Blind” movie screening

Typically the committee reports are presented on Saturday. With the exception of scholarship winners,

resolutions, and constitutional amendments, reports will be presented at the business meeting on Monday.

**Membership Jeff Harris
See attached report**

Scholarship: Lindsey Tilden

The scholarship went live on January 1. A number of applications are being worked on online. Annette reports that 15 people have made log ins on the site. Bernice and Ken will ask around for additional Scheigert Committee members.

Website: Annette

The committee discussed fundraising through the website. Annette is prepared to set this up and running. ACB uses authorize.net (which costs less than PayPal).

Annette will correct the links for our scholarship on a resource site for disability/blindness scholarships.

Vision Access will be posted on the website once it is properly formatted. It will be posted in html and MS Word formats.

Prescription Label Working Group

Annette attended the access board meeting in January. The group is working well, but taking more time than had been anticipated. They did not achieve all that they had wanted to in January, so they scheduled a phone conference, and still didn't finish all the work. Another follow up teleconference has been scheduled.

The group is having difficulty finding a consensus on changing elements of labels. Some changes would require legislative changes. Annette has also found that the industries want to use just one adaptation (large print, Braille, or talking bottles). The task for the advocacy groups are working to explain that all three options need to be available.

The group's charge is to have best practices submitted recommendations submitted by this July

Annette wants our opinion on best practices for regular (not large print) pill bottles to make them more readable

ACB Board of Publication Report - Donna and Lindsey

We have attended two BOP meetings regarding large print best practices for the ACB Braille Forum. The board has been open to changes. They are already making changes to address our concerns. (removing italics, increased page number size, bolded titles, aligned things left).

Donna and Lindsey will continue to be on the BOP calls. Donna and Annette had a meeting to talk about the upcoming convention program.

Donna will attend the meeting at mid year meeting, and Annette will be patched in via telephone.

The board was asked to vote on how they prefer am/pm to be written (capitals with no periods, lower case with periods, etc). An email will be sent to the board list.

Good Search

Dan looked at Good Search, a website sponsored by Yahoo, for potential fundraising. Each time someone uses the search engine, their affiliated charity receives a penny. If we have lots of people registered, and they use it repeatedly, it can generate money for our organization. They suggest having an organization of 100 people use it twice a day. This would generate \$750/year. People register with a charity of their choice. The site also has a shopping program, if a user uses these vendors, the charity earns money. This would not generate a large amount of money, but it is a small amount of work and there is no sign up cost to the organization.

Video searches do not earn money and searching the same thing repeatedly does not earn money.

A question was raised if the site is accessible. The answer is unknown at this time. However, members could ask their family and friends to use the site.

A motion was made to submit an application as a charity. Motion carried.

Travel Guidelines

Guidelines were written in response to Annette's travel for the prescription labeling group.

Jim's proposed guidelines are taken from those of ACB Nebraska.

Donna moved to table the discussion until the next board meeting. Motion carried. Discussion of changes will be held on the board email list. Comments should be submitted by April 15.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PST.

Attached Reports

Membership Committee Report February 11, 2013

The committee met in December 2012 to go over logistics of dues notice procedures

The Member at Large renewals were mailed on 1/7 and life member update requests went out on 1/9 and 1/11. Return date was by 2/15/13

Affiliates were sent the lists on 1/15 for them to update by 2/28/13

Membership Chair will have training on the new database and updates will be entered, with a written record of changes

Membership Committee plans to hold a meeting by early March to go over the updating process and ways to attract new members such as public outreach and working with other ACB Affiliates.

Respectfully submitted,

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