



COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL

CCLVI Board Meeting January 6, 2016, 8:30 pm EDT By Teleconference (832) 551 – 5900 code 368623#

Meeting called to order 8:40 Eastern by President Glaser.

Present: Charlie Glaser, Dan Smith, Leslie Spoone, Linda Allison, Robert Spangler, Grady Ebert, Kathy Fox, Kathy Farina, Bianca Knight, Sarita Kimble

Absent: Jim Jirak*, Fred Scheigert*. (* indicates excused)

Secretaries Report: Dan moved to approved the November minutes as corrected. Second Grady. MC

Treasurers Report:

GENERAL: Beginning Balance = \$1,999.56

Deposits:

\$4,500.00 transfer from Scheigert account for scholarship payouts

\$322.50 MMS check (307.50) and one membership check (\$15.00)

\$0.16 interest payment November

\$0.06 interest payment December

Total Deposits \$4,822.72

Deductions:

\$4.28 postage

\$42.05 Sprint

\$850.93 National Printing Company

\$4,500.00 3 Scheigert scholarship checks

Total Deductions \$5,397.26

Ending Balance \$1,425.02

SAVINGS: Beginning Balance \$26,759..29

Deposits:

\$1.75 interest November

\$1.81 interest December

Total Deposits \$3.56

Deductions:

\$0.00

Total Deductions \$0.00

Ending Balance \$26,762.85

BOOK: Beginning Balance = \$206.58

Deposits:

\$18.65 Amazon 1 book sale

Total Deposits \$18.65

Deductions:

\$0.00

Total Deductions \$0.00

Ending Balance \$225.23

SCHIEGERT: Beginning Balance \$14,502.45

Deposits:

\$0.42 interest November

\$0.42 interest December

Total Deposits \$0.84

Deductions

\$4,500.00 transfer to checking for Fall payouts

Total Deductions \$4,500.00

Ending Balance = \$10,00329

CARL FOLEY: Beginning Balance \$3,000.48

Deposits:

\$0.12 interest November

\$0.12 interest December

Total Deposits \$0.24

Deductions:

\$0.00

Total Deductions \$0.00

Ending Balance = \$3,000.72

CDS

Previous Balance = 50,741.91

\$67.29 interest November

\$69.62 interest December

Current Balance = 50,879.82

PROGRAM FUND

Previous Balance \$33,107.91

Current Balance \$31,465.63

Cathy Farina moved to approve, Second Sarita. MC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention, Jim Jirak: The committee met December 14. We discussed ideas and program topics. Some items include a presentation on accessible voting as this is a pivotal election year, a presentation perhaps by someone from the Disability Law Center's Legal Aid Society, a possible presentation from Lyft given the success of Uber last summer and a confirmed presentation entitled Love & Logic, dealing with parenting skills for parents of visually impaired children or visually impaired parents parental skills for raising children.

Per email discussion between meetings, we have reserved a one bedroom VIP suite costing \$219 per night plus 13.4% tax. The suite is in Charlie's name. It should be pointed out that Charlie will be the only one to secure the keys from the front desk since his name is exclusively on the suite. If we want other board members to be able to have access to the suite during the day, Charlie will have to secure extra keys at check in, or I can make arrangements with Janet to ensure we have the correct number of keys for all that need them. In addition to the suite, we also have reserved a connecting two queen bedded room, turning the one bedroom VIP suite, in essence, into a two bedroom VIP suite. That room is in my name. I will ensure the suite is reserved from July 2 to 9. The connecting room is reserved from July 1 to 9.

The convention committee has tentatively tossed around the idea of nightly activities in the suite requiring the purchase of a multi-use ticket good for all events. Some discussed events include a week long trivia contest and a blind dart activity. Plans for nightly activities will continue on our next call scheduled for January 23 at 1pm eastern/10am pacific. Additionally, functions, with the exception of game night and afternoon meetings, normally held in meeting rooms would probably take place in the suite. This would include events as our mixer and the pre-convention board meeting. Stay tuned!

E-communications, Robert Spangler: Visits to the cclvi.org website in December were 3992 and so far this month we have had 457.

Work on forms has moved along very well with an online membership form now available. Each application generated through the online form is forwarded directly to the CCLVI Treasurer and to the CCLVI membership Chair. Also added to the site is a PayPal link. Two methods of use for the link, one is allowing visitors to make a donation to CCLVI in any amount they wish. The second is the membership payment link, which requires the user to select their desired payment level. The membership link also includes a small fee to the user that covers CCLVI's charge PayPal charges us to use their service.

The Scheigert Scholarship and the Genensky Award are setup on the site and ready. The Scheigert application is open and as of today has 12 applicants registered for accounts to access the application. The Genensky has one applicant ready to go when that Award process opens.

Each person interested in accessing the appropriate application must request an account. The account registration requires them to provide a username and password. Once that information is received I assign an account that gives each person access to that application. Once an application is submitted the document is sent to the proper committee chair.

Fund-raising, Leslie Spooone: the committee has tons of stuff in mind and already have items for market place.

Legislation, Dan Smith: no new information on HR-729.

Membership, Jim Jirak: Based on concerns from the chapter presidents, I have purged all members, including life members, affiliated with a chapter from the most recent renewal notice mailing. We mailed approx. 175 notices to at large life and at large non-life members. All at large non-life members not responding to the mailing in some manner will be purged prior to submission to ACB. Chapter presidents have been given until February 15 to provide their lists. Florida has already submitted. It is my intent to submit March 13. I will not wait until the last minute to submit the certification. If chapter presidents and those contacted do not respond by 11:59pm March 12, they will not be counted in the certification process. Linda has been mailed the bill from the printer to pay the printer directly. In the not-to-distant future, I will also submit personal reimbursement request for mailing labels and the return of one ... that's right ... only one Vision Access from the most recent mailing.

Starting with the 2016 membership at large and life member renewals, those can now be processed via cclvi.org via the online membership form. Once the required fields are completed, the form directs you to the payment option via PayPal. As of the time of this send, 4 persons have completed their memberships online. It is hoped this option to join or renew online will increase membership in the not-to-distant-future.

Publications, Mike Keithley: two comments have been received concerning the new formatting, one for and one against. With only two comments it was felt that we should go forward with the new formatting.

Genensky Award: the application is ready for use.

Scholarships: the application period has opened and access is available.

Book, Jim Jirak: Dr. Bill has things ready for the audio version of the Spanish version. The printing is also on hold because of the issue of the 800 number, are we going to change the number or keep it.

The Spanish print version has been sent to Linda to work on the formatting. Should we change the size of the book to a smaller physical size or leave it as it? It was decided to leave the size as is.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

800 number: Sprint is the lowest cost available at \$30 flat fee plus \$0.05 per minute.

Next Meeting: February 3 , 2016. 8:30 Eastern, 7:30 Central,
6:30 Mountain, 5:30 Pacific.
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Adjourned: 10:45 Eastern

Respectfully submitted
Robert Spangler
Secretary CCLVI.