



COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL

CCLVI Board Meeting
June 10, 2015. 9:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
By Teleconference: (832) 551 – 5900 code 368623#

Meeting called to order at 9:07 Eastern by President Glaser.

Present: Charlie Glaser, Dan Smith, Leslie Spoone, Linda Allison, Kathy Farina, Robert Spangler, Bianca Knight. Fred Scheigert, Grady Ebert. Jim Jirak

Absent: Michael Byington

Guest: Mike Keithley

Secretaries Report: Jim move to accept the May minutes as submitted second by Grady. MC

Treasurers Report:

GENERAL: Beginning Balance \$2,900.54

DEPOSITS:

\$317.50 MMS and one Membership
\$0.10 Interest

DEDUCTIONS:

\$834.55 National Printing Company for V.A. Spring edition
\$40.94 Sprint
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\$10.00 ACB for 2 memberships.

Ending Balance: \$2,291.81

SAVINGS: Beginning Balance: \$37,745.20
\$3.20 Interest

Ending Balance \$37,748.40

BOOK ACCOUNT: Beginning Balance \$104.28
\$0.00 No activity

Ending Balance \$104.28

Foley fund: this fund has not been active since 2005. Fred asked that we consider using this fund to help bring veterans into CCLVI. Linda suggested that we set aside \$3,000 of the funds to cover those veterans joining CCLVI to cover their first years dues. It was further suggested that the fund be named in honor of Carl Foley who passed away in January of this year. The name of the fund will be “Carl Foley honorary Veterans Membership fund.”

Linda move, that we create the “Carl Foley honorary Veterans Fund” to be used to cover the first years CCLVI dues for those veterans joining CCLVI. Second Leslie MC

Linda move, that the remainder of the funds be placed in the general fund. Jim second MC

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Convention Committee - Jim Jirak: the plans are completed. The committee worked together and did a great job. Jim is waiting on the questions for the Hollywood squares game and Newlywed game. Everything is completed.

E-communications Webmaster - Robert Spangler: Activity is increasing on the CCLVI-L list and had several posts to the CCLVI-Announce List. There are some issues with our emails being blocked from AOL, this issue is being looked into by the hostgator techs. At this time there is no time given for the correction as this issue seems to be wide spread due to the larger sites, AOL, Yahoo, and Gmail, pushing for their users to access off site email accounts using their fetch programs. At this time we are on a gray list and emails are not fully blocked.

In an attempt to assure that only our members receive our “Vision Access” a list dedicated to only “Vision Access” accounts has been setup. With assistance from Linda and Jim it is hoped to have only current members who request “Vision Access” by email to be on this list.

The website has been updated with links to the past podcasts of “Let’s Talk Low Vision”. “Vision Access” has been fixed after links were broken during an update.

A link has been added to the “Insights into Low Vision” page that will take visitors directly to the Amazon page where they can purchase the large print version being offered at this time..

The site had 1944 visitors last month with a total of 4,170 visitors since April 1st.

Should we include our meeting notices and previous minutes on the website? Charlie was concerned that we would get a too many people on our meeting calls which would create confusion and delay meeting progress.

Facebook is still being worked on with assistance from Katie, Linda, Jim and Charlie. We are working on the older page trying to get the password so we can continue with those who have already liked us on Facebook.

Richard Rueda has agreed to continue our Twitter presence.

Legislation – Dan Smith: H.R.729 - Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2015

original sponsor Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. (D-NY-12) (Introduced 02/04/2015)
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]*, Rep. Jolly, David W. [R-FL-13], Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2], Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14], Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9], Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1], Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18], Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10], Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52], Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8], Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]

Publications – Mike Keithley: Dan moved that we test market the 1.15 spacing and the single column in the September edition of “Vision Access”. Linda second MC.

Scholarship:

Scheigert: Dan move that Linda contact matt kilgro to assure that funding will continue if we do not have candidates this year. Jim second. MC.

Jenensky: Dr. Bill would like to know if we are going to issue an award this year? Kathy would like to announce the winners in January. Dr. Bill is still interested in securing the devices.

Book Committee: The committee met and several aspects were discussed. The Amazon link is up with no activity at that time. It was decided to keep the English title on the Spanish version with subtitle in Spanish stating that the book was in Spanish. Each chapter title to be translated as closely as possible in to Spanish. The audio version is still being worked on for addition to Amazon.

Fund Raising – Leslie Spoone: Things are going wonderful. Things are in place for the game night. The committee has worked hard to see that the fund-raising process is one to top all past events. A ham, jewelry, coffee mugs and Starbucks coffee, large print keyboard and a copy of Magic are among the prizes for various drawings. Thanks to the committee for the hard work. CCLVI has a walk team for the ACB Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk. The team name is the CCLVI Firecrackers, so far the team has raised approximately \$100.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda move, that CCLVI donate \$25 for each of our walkers. Jim second. MS

Next Meeting: June 29, 2015 at 8:00 Eastern.

Adjourn: 11:15 Eastern

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Spangler
CCLVI - Secretary