2023 ACBN State Convention Minutes

Outlook Nebraska

4125 S 72nd St Omaha NE

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President Mark Bulger called the annual business meeting to order at 2:57pm.

Following the introduction of all members and guests in attendance, Mark gave an overview of happenings since the 2019 convention. Due to the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020, ACBN has taken a bare bones approach. In addition to testifying in front of the Unicameral when needed, holding chapter meetings via conference call and monitoring NCBVI activities, we now need to refocus efforts on membership growth and fund raising.

Kenda reported that the Omaha chapter continues to once again meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church located at 7020 Cass St. Kristal and Kenda are continuing to promote awareness about the Lincoln Library, Radio Talking Book, Share A Fare and Ski for Light. And Chris reported that the Lincoln chapter still exists having 5 members.

Next, Mark thanked Dale, Chris, Jim and Amber for their efforts in putting together the convention. He also recognized Tyler’s efforts in broadcasting the proceedings over ACB Media 9.

Following the reading of the minutes by Sharon for Jim, which were approved, Dale reported that as of December 31, 2021, the checking account had a balance of $4,017.75. Gross income for 2022 totaled $11,059.52 while expenses totaled $9,468.58. The ending balance totaled $6,519.65. At the time of the convention, the checking account contained a balance of $7,828.35 while the bond fund contained $28,879.96 having 3,534.879 shares at $8.17 per share. Dale mentioned that we received compensation from ACB National for our efforts in hosting the 2022 convention in the amount of $4,248.20. The raffle drawing held at our ACB Nebraska booth netted $645. We had approximately 51 state convention registrants with anywhere between $65 and $70 received on property. Mark reported the luncheon speaker cost $150 and today’s meeting facility $250. Mark donated the Hy-Vee cost of catering in memory of Jacque. Dale’s report was approved as given.

Prior to beginning the elections, Mark took a moment of personal privilege to thank the membership for allowing him to serve. Mark announced he would not be seeking another term as president as he no longer had the desire. Resulting from the cancellation of conventions in 2020, 2021 because of the pandemic and the cancellation of the state convention in 2022 because of national convention in Omaha, the offices of president, treasurer and corresponding secretary would be for a one year term and the offices of vice-president and secretary would be for a two year term. By electing president, treasurer and corresponding secretary for a one year term, this would allow us to get back on schedule with the constitution.

With that, Tyler nominated Kristal for president and Jim nominated Amber. Following candidate speeches, Kristal was elected president with 12 votes to Amber’s 6.

With Amber, Chris and Gloria all declining the nomination of vice-president, Tyler and Jim’s name were brought forth. Following the vote count, Tyler was elected vice-president with 16 votes to Jim’s 2.

Dale, Jim and Becky were nominated for treasurer, secretary and corresponding secretary respectively. These positions were elected by acclamation.

Prior to adjournment, Mark recognized the efforts of Glennie Weiland, John Cunningham and Jacque Bulger. These individuals passed away in 2022. Their efforts will be greatly missed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jirak

Secretary