ACBN Executive Council Meeting

March 13, 2023 7:30pm

President Mark Bulger called the meeting to order at 7:46p.m. Present was Mark Bulger, Chris Brennfoerder, Jim Jirak, Dale Oviatt, Barb Epworth and guest Amber Steet.

The purpose for the meeting was to provide convention plenary updates.

Amber reported she had contacted Cox Communications concerning a presentation on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). She is awaiting a response. She also reached out to FarmHouse on a dessert donation. She is still awaiting a response. Amber also suggested we consider catering services from ezcater.com. Mark was in contact with Darrell Draper to present a program entitled “Men Who Make a Impact.” His services are approx. $150. Mark was also in contact with Kimberly Scherbarth to present on NFB Newsline updates in the digital age. Paulette Monthei is also presenting on Outlook Enrichment and the various activities they undertake.

Next, Mark informed the board he had concerns about holding the April 15 convention at Walter Roberts Manor given its location, parking, meeting room size as well as subpar bathroom facilities. He contacted Outlook who will let ACBN use its facilities, holding up to 90, at a cost of $200. Mark then suggested to contact Hy-Vee Catering and having them provide beef, chicken or vegetarian lunch options.

Finally, it was suggested to charge $30 for pre-convention registrations and $35 for late or on-sight registrations. Once the tentative agenda is finalized, Jim will work with Annette to get the information online and allow for online registrations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jirak  
Recording Secretary