American Council of the Blind of Nebraska

December 19 Minutes

In Kristal’s absence, Vice-President Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:46p.m. Board members present were Tyler Juranek, Jim Jirak, Dale Oviatt and Chris Brennfoerder. Kristal joined the meeting at approximately 6:57p.m. Mark was the only guest.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss AI workshop logistics. Jim had reported he had secured 4 hotel bids. The Comfort Inn on 70th & Grover was offering a nightly room rate of $89 plus taxes and a meeting room charge of $750. As the hotel restaurant is undergoing an ownership restructure, ACBN would be responsible for providing catering services. The Cambria hotel is offering a room rate of $134 plus taxes and meeting room costs of $2,000. The Courtyard by Marriott in Bellevue is offering a room rate of $116 for king rooms, $129 for queen/queen rooms and meeting room costs of $750, discounted from the normal rental fee of $1,500. The Hilton Omaha is offering a room rate of $129 plus taxes and meeting room rental of $500. Tyler reported that St. James could probably hold the event in the Sanctuary and that he believed they had the necessary items requested to accommodate Jeff’s needs. His only concern were the availability of their sound man and ensuring fiscal responsibility on behalf of ACBN.

Following a lengthy discussion of pros and cons of each location, it was moved by Jim and seconded by Dale to hold the workshop at the church, pending questions needing to be clarified with Church Crystal. The motion passed.

The next meeting is January 13at 7:30p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Jirak,

Secretary