

**BRaille LIBRARY AND TRANSCRIBING SERVICES, INC.**

**Minutes June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**6501 Watts Road, Suite 149, 9:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to order, President's Report**

Called to order at 9:33 by Patricia Herrling. Present: Constance Risjord, Kathy Dorn, Sue Danz, Sue Nelson, Melody Moore, Joan Sholdt. Absent: Karen Perzentka. Aaron Konkoll and Sue Danz also attended.

The availability of our Nemeth transcriber has been reported to Lisa Stefl, who placed Melody's name on the list serve for vision teachers, sent to WCBVI and the Milwaukee office, and put on our website.

**2. Discussion and approval of minutes**

February 3, 2022 and April 7, 2002 (Annual Meeting) minutes were approved with a couple of typos corrected.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Sue Nelson

The May Financial report was distributed. Checking account: \$10,154.66; Money Market: \$2624.04; Mutual Funds: \$116,395.65; Total: \$129,174.35.

**4. Office Manager's Report:** Aaron

BLTS has switched from TDS to Spectrum internet and will save \$20 each month.

**5. Braille Coordinator's Report:** Sue Danz

Several schools have ordered previously transcribed material. Transcriptions were up for both February and March 2022.

**6. Committee Reports**

**Education:** Connie/Patricia

There are 3 students in the current class. Two are doing very well and one is struggling. It was decided to

start another class in the fall.

A teacher of deaf and hard of hearing students is getting a blind student (kindergartner) in the Fall and contacted BLTS to find out about learning braille in order to help the student. She was referred to Sandy for suggestions since it wouldn't be possible for her to complete the course this summer.

**Fundraising status:** Aaron

The Fundraising letter will go out soon. We obtained a \$250 grant from Thrivent to purchase print/braille books.

**Library:** Patricia

A Print/braille project and workshop will be held on Monday, June 13. Patricia's goal is to add 50 print/braille books to the library. We are keeping one shelf of unique books that were transcribed in the EBae code. Classic books that were originally done in EBae have been identified and will be transcribed in the UEB code.

**Newsletter/Publication**

Dear Pearl will come out in September or -October. Content will be finalized at the August 4 board meeting.

**7. Old Business**

Red Book update – Kathy Dorn, Sue Danz, Connie Risjord

The latest update is mostly finished. A few remaining questions were discussed.

**New Business:**

**Expectations for those completing the Transcriber's course through BLTS: In the past new members are expected to braille at least 300 pages for BLTS or for one year after certification. A discussion was held to reconsider this decision. At this time no conclusion was reached. Some students take the class through BLTS for other reasons than to volunteer with us and these individuals may not transcribe for us and these cases are decided on an individual basis.**

**8. Adjourn**

**The Next Meeting will be held on August 4th, 2022.**

**Submitted by Karen Perzentka with assistance by Melody Moore**