Mile High Chapter Notes

2/16/2022

The meeting started at 6:06 PM. The meeting was held on the Zoom platform.

The meeting was kicked off with the February presidential release.

Members from the board introduced themselves: Cody Bair, Gary VanDorn, Nate Hecker, Lisa Vonderson, and Suzy D’Mello were all in attendance. There were 7 guests.

Minutes: from January 19th Were approved with a motion from Gary and seconded by Shane.

Treasurer’s Report: Starting balance: $1,285.64 ending balance: $1,275.64. Glitch where one member’s dues went into personal account, so Gary will write and deposit check to add that to chapter account. Chelsey passed the reports, Shane seconded.

Fundraising Report: Working on finding a location and have been talking to a few places to do some sort of meal/event fundraiser. Aiming for some time next month.

Membership report: Shane gave the report for mo. Ordered 50 of the following brochures: generic NFB, blind seniors, NFB news line, parents of blind children, meeting a working guide dog team, and courtesy rules of blindness. Plan is to put them in various offices (e.g., doctors offices) around Denver. All members please share ideas of businesses to share these brochures.

Inclusion and Diversity : Feb 24th Mountain Time at 5 call about Black History Month.

RTD Report: No new 16th Street Mall updates. Colfax redevelopment is moving forward beginning construction in 2024 and ending in early 2028. Still looking at station design and tactile representations of the stations. Arches design, only one entrance/exit, will be 14 inches high and will be ramps. Will have plenty of lighting, seating, and cameras for safety. The center bus set up will only apply in city and county of Denver. Looking at naming conventions for the Colfax bus line. Accessaride tickets now available through mobile ticketing from the RTD ticketing app. Accessaride has new program with Uber, where any existing accessaride customers can use Uber instead of reserving a ride. You pay first $2, RTD pays next $20, and anything remaining, you are responsible for. Can be used up to 60 times a month and up to 4 times a day per passenger.

Six Dot Dash: slated for Saturday, September 10th. Beginning stages of organizing. If interested in helping, reach out to Cody.

Washington Seminar: Feb 7-10, all virtual again. Highlight was getting 15 minutes with Michael Bennett.

CCB: Masks will no longer be required at the center, but people may still wear them if they wish. Ski outing with students being postponed. Grounds maintenance happening in April to the back of the building.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm by Gary and seconded by Nate.