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Present:

Hamit, Ed, Justin, and Trevor,

Edward gives us the inspirational quote after we do the pledge.

--Approval of last week's minutes? Hamit was going to work with Catherine on this. It needs to be transcribed into text. We’ll see if Hamit can do this by the end of the week.

--CTABS=Connecticut Association of Blind Students.

--Treasury; $172.50. Justin and Trevor will get Account going on Friday. Trevor has the check. It’s in good hands.

-- Directory committee. Contact information for colleges in CT. 40ish colleges. Who’s on this committee? Justin, Catherin, Edward, and Ivy.

We have an old directory from Lucia. We need to see if we have the right contacts. If not, we have to get new ones, including all missing universities and colleges. The aforementioned committee should be working on this.

--Next philosophy call.

What’s it about?

Hamit suggests: how do you react to those voicing low expectations and surprise?

Addressing reactions based on low expectations.

Ed says: we can also talk about addressing people that are too easily impressed.

We agreed on this.

Also says Ed, what’s the opportune time for notifying people on our blindness? This might be good for a separate conversation.

--Legislation;

Ed is working with Silverberg on letters and emails regarding HR 831 and the TEACH Act. Both bills are potentially sponsored by democrats; thus we need to focus on republicans. We don’t have any from CT. Democrats will sign on when republicans do.

We need a senate bill for HR 831.

Justin says we don’t need more democrats on TEACH, as this will make it harder to get a republican co-signature.

Ed should bring up HR 831 with Blumenthal.

Air Carrier Technology Accessibility act and Space Available for disabled vets will also be issues to bring up with CT representatives.

Fair wages is the big priority though.

The Air Carrier thing deals with the entirety of the flight experience, including kiosks, websites, and onboard entertainment.

You can use smart phones for in-flight Wi-Fi you know?