Florida Association of Blind tudents

Meeting Minutes

9/4/2011

Call to Order: 4:09 PM

Members In Attendance:

Nallym

Jermesa

Zunaira

Rafael

Paul

Lauren

Miranda

New Potential Members:

Israel

Keshia

Vice President’s Report

Jermesa discussed the content of the NABS meeting.

NABS covered the different committees. They are looking for a social networking committee chair, article writers, and student recruiters to recrute high school students to join NABS. You can contact them threw the NABS website.

The web site committee is looking for photos for the web site, and the fundraising committee is seeking ideas for Washington seminar, next convention, and is selling mugs for $10. Nallym encouraged us to sign up for the NABS list serve.

Treasurers Report

Nallym was refunded for her personal contribution of $80. The account balance is now $320.00.

Raffle reported on fund raising ideas discussed at the affiliate meeting. One idea was an electronic raffle. The chapter would keep 50 percent of the profits and the state would get the other half. Raffle said we would have to sell tickets for the division and the chapter. Lauren pointed out that divisions don’t usually participate in state fund raisers. Nallym suggested postponing the debate about state fund raising until we know if it is definitely occurring. The state also wants us to sell left over sitruice candy from national convention. One box is sold for $1 and 6 boxes for $5.00. The state may raffle off a cruise.

Leadership Retreat

Lauren described the five star resort and reiterated that Dr. Nick would adapt the activities for the visually impaired participants. The activities would include an outdoors ropes course. The price not including food would be approximately $350. Two members would share a room equipt with 2 queen beds, a kitchen, and living room. The price may change if more members share 1 room. The price including food would be $469. Zunaira suggested bringing food since each room contains a kitchen. Lauren also explained that ordering food would be difficult because of the resort’s location. The resort’s restaurants seem expensive. Nallym discussed obtaining a grant for next year.

Jermesa discussed the star light cruise. This is a four hour cruise and coss $52 per person. The group could take advantage of the dinner and dancing abord the cruise and then adjourn two a hotel or residencial location such as Loren or Paul’s residence to spend the night. The group may then proceed to Bush Gardens for recreation. We will reconvene on Wednesday to vote on the cruise or the retreat.

Membership

Lauren sent the letter to community colleges; Nallym sent it to public state universities, and Zunaira sent it to a contact at DBS who will send it on to DBS counselors who will hopefully forward it onto students. Two people from Nallym’s university said they were interested. Lauren has a list of private schools. She has to go on the individual websites and find the disability coordinator for each school in order to send the FABS letter. The list will be divided between Nallym, Lauren, and Paul.

Rafael created a Facebook page. It will be published soon. Nallym encouraged us to post content on the page and to “like” the Facebook page.

Zunaira brought up the fact that other student divisions allow nonstudents to participate since they may have valuable empty for FABS. Some members pointed out that perhaps only the board is required to be composed of students and that we should consolt the constitution. Nallym will email out the constitution to determine if nonstudents can be members. The constitutional amendment process may be discussed in the future. Nallym discussed posting to the list serve each week to connect with potential members.

Nallym discussed the legislative committee and explained there current legislative actions.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 PM