# Minutes, Sligo Creek Chapter, NFB of Maryland, July 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1;35 PM at the Long Branch Library in Takoma Park.

We congratulated Tom Bickford on his 80th birthday.

We introduced ourselves.

We congratulated Metmaku Johannes on winning $2,012 as the banquet grand prize.

Presidential release of July 10 was played. Death of Joie Stewart. Also Art Dingus. Frank Lee. Travelocity promotion for a vacation in Florida, get it before September 4, promotion code NFB2012. Hank Miller case. HR3086: Boycott of Goodwill continues. State Department Kindle contract complaint. Champions of Change award from the White House for Henry Wedler. Video description class at the National Center. NFB Newsline app for the iPhone. Anil Lewis appointed to the Committee for Purchase. Groupon campaign for the BELL program.

Debbie did a “name that Federationist” contest. Judy won the contest and must come up with a question for the August meeting.

Minutes approved.

21 people were present.

Treasurer’s report: Income candy $815; PAC $65 dues 4; expenses door prizes 50; jernigat tickets 20; current 3,196.50. Report was adopted.

Debbie commented on agencies for the blind that don’t necessarily endure, although the NFB keeps going.

MSC we give Teresa Thomas $50.

We may get a present for Fernicia Johnson’s 16th birthday. MSC.

African Queen was appointed to the Metro Access Advisory Committee.

Debbie is vice-chair of the Metro fixed-route advisory committee. She has four F’s: fairness, finance, fitness and freedom.

Debbie noted that a blind woman works for the Anatole Hilton. She got to do sensitivity training for the English and Spanish-language employees of the hotel. We shared other experiences from the convention.

Debbie asked if people wanted to go to the NFB of Maryland crab feast August 3.

Burnell Brown announced the DC Chapter crab feast which will be July 28 $50 per ticket. To help people go to national convention. She also announced that the national Deaf-Blind division wanted to collect information on deaf-blind members from across the country.

BELL program: 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd in Glendale. Discussed who can come on which days to do what.

August chapter meeting will be on the third Saturday, August 18. Perhaps at Barbara Kean’s house.

Yasmin announced that she had applications for the call-and-ride program for Montgomery County. She also announced that she applied for a 3-1-1 call center job on May 4. She interviewed on July 9, but she didn’t get the questions for the interview ahead of time. But the position was filled.

Adjourned at 3:30 PM.