NCABS Jan. 11, 2015 Minutes

Call to Order 8:05 P.M.

Attendance: Alan, Kevin, Kathryn, Bobbi, Veronica, Sharon, Devonte, Josue, Eric

First: Our first seminar of the year will take place on January 31, 2015 at GMS along with the Reunion of the Eye Retreat. Lunch will be provided. Come and join us it will take place from eight to four or so. Come out and have fun!

Second: NCABS is working on our Braille menu fund/raiser. Alan has come out with a great idea for the name of the fund/raiser. It will be BMAP which is Braille Menu Accessability Program. Now NCABS needs to work on writing a letter that will be send out to different restaurants. Our goal is to Braille menus for restaurants and charge them for the Braille menus. Each menu will bring $30 to NCABS.

Third: We have not use any of our funds, so the balance is the same as last month’s balance.

Fourth: NCABS welcomed a national representative, who spoke to us about the National Scholarship Program. There are some things to keep in mind before you apply for the scholarship.

Qualifications

One. Must be blind or legally blind.

Two must be attending a accredited college, a community dcollege, four year college, or grad school.

Three: A scholarship winner must attend the whole National convention. This takes place July 5-10.

Fourth, must live in the United States

Essay

The essay is very important and is one where you must be careful. Do not repeat what you have already written in your application. Feel free to think outside the box and make your essay unique, but make sure that it is your own ideas. The NFB is looking for leadership in their winners, and please know that this does not mean leadership in the NFB. It can be any kind of leadership in your college or school or community. Also strong academics is another key that the NFB is looking for.

Letters

You will need two letters of recommendation from people who know you well. Not family or friends. You will also need a letter of recommendation from your state president of the NFB. The NC president is Sharon Weddington; please ask Kathryn if you are in need of her contact information. If you do not know him or her well do not worry because you will have an interview that will allow for him or her to get to know you better. You also need a simple letter stating your blindness. Please do not send medical reports just a simple letter that proves your disability/blindness.

Application form

Last but not least please take the application form as serious as a job application. Make sure that you spell well everything you write. You have until March 31 to get everything done. However, do not wait until the last day. Once you submit everything you will get a list of the documents they got. This way you can check what you are missing. If you have anymore questions please email the scholarship team at scholarships@nfb.org

We encourage every single one of you to apply!

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 p.m.