**NCABS Minutes 6/14/15**

Called to Order: 8:04 p.m.

Attendence:

Kathryn (President)

Kevin (1st Vice-President)

Bobbi (2nd Vice-President)

Alan (Treasurer)

Preston

Ashley

Crystal

Trey

Mikayla

Devante

Derek

Kaylee

Josue

Julius

Zoe

Web Site Update:

We are migrating the website from wordpress.org to wordpress.com.

The content has been transferred.

We are in the process of transferring the ncabs.org domain from wordpress.org to wordpress.com.

NFB of NC Scholarship:

The NFB of NC is offering two $1500 scholarships this year.

In addition to $1500, scholarship winners will be able to attend the NFB of NC state convention for free.

The scholarship materials are due to Julius Locklear on June 30.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Application

2. Two recommendations: one academic, one non-academic (employers, preachers, etc).

3. Proof of blindness.

4. Essay

5. Full attendance at the NFB of NC state convention.

Who should you ask to write letters of recommendation:

People who know you well, those who have worked with you in a job or community service project, maybe someone from the NFB.

advice from Julius Locklear (the scholarship chair):

Show how you stand out from everyone else.

Contact Julius with any questions about the scholarship at Julius.locklear1@gmail.com

State Convention:

We voted to sell popcorn and soda instead of snack packs this year.

Julius, who previously provided snack packs, has offered to provide the soda.

We will purchase the popcorn.

We voted to do the jail-break fundraiser again, cuffing five individuals.

transportation:

We will have a van that will go from Charlotte to Willmington on Friday morning and return on Sunday at noon.

We will ask those taking the van to contribute around $15, depending on the price of the van.

Kathryn will send out an email asking who is interested in taking the van.

Student activities:

We are trying to organize a surf lesson for students.

Surfing would have to be on Saturday morning around 8-11 a.m.

Surfing lessons are usually 2 hours.

Friday night Tim Jones will be providing a pizza dinner for students.

Our annual business meeting will be on Saturday at lunch.

Talk to Kathryn if you have concerns about the cost of the banquet dinner on Saturday night.

Talk to Kathryn if you are interested in finding a roommate.

National Convention and NABS:

Derek from the NABS board gave us an update about some events in which NABS will be participating at the NFB national convention:

1. There will be a mentor and mentee sign up list, see:

nabslink.org

2. There will be a student social on Sunday night of national convention

3. There will be a penny wars fundraiser. Half of the money from this fundraiser will go to NABS. Email Kathryn or Derek derekmanners@gmail.com with questions.

4. There will be a NABS letter-writing table at the Exhibit Hall to help those interested write letters to Congress in support of the TEACH Act.

5. NABS will be participating in the NFB's attempt to break the Guinness world record for the largest umbrella mosaic at national convention.

6. The NABS meeting will be streamed, details are still under deliberation.

Raleigh Bell Program:

The BELL Program is a two week program for children ages 4-12 that helps them learn more about braille.

Talk to Alan for more information.

TEACH Act:

If you have a testimonial of accessibility in the classroom, it would be really helpful for our efforts with TEACH to send a brief testimony to Kathryn outlining your struggles. If you have a positive experience, those definitely help as well!

EYE Retreat Update:

The EYE Retreat is no longer taking applications because there is no more space.

There are a total of 48 people coming (~55 including volunteers).

There will be both a college and career track this year.

Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.