**At Large Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico August 22,2023**

**Janet Montoya Is inviting you to a scheduled zoom meeting**

**Topic: NFBNM At Large Chapter zoom meeting**

**Date/Time: August 22, 2023 06:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (US and Canada)**

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**The National Federation of the Blind is a community of members and friends who believe in the hopes and dreams of the nation’s blind. Every day we work together to help blind people live the lives they want.**

**Join us for social time at 6:30pm.**

**Meeting starts at 7pm.**

**Zoom etiquette tip:**

**Please use your real name during the meeting**

1. **7pm Call to Order, Janet Montoya, Vice President**
2. **Rollcall, Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer**
3. **Introduction of Guests, Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer**
4. **Reciting of the NFB pledge**

**I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind; to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its Constitution.**

1. **One Minute Message, read by Ann Rutherford, board member**

**The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and their dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.**

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
2. **Approval of the Minutes from the July meeting**
3. **Treasurer’s Report, Daphne Mitchell, secretary/treasurer**
4. **Presidential Release Tara Chavez, Affiliate President**

**The presidential release is an important part of our meeting. This gives us all an equal chance to hear from our NFB President, Mark Riccobono and to stay connected with what is going on at the National level.**

**Guest Speaker, Kelly Burma, Resolutions committee Chair.** **Kelly would like to assist the At Large Chapter to see if there is an appropriate resolution-ready issue for us to address. In general, the affiliate has passed resolutions related to concerns about transportation, education, technology, and legislative items of concern to the blind community and the larger disability community.**

**If you would like to see past passed resolutions at conventions of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico (NFBNM), you may wish to look at this link.**

[**https://nfbnm.org/resolution**](https://nfbnm.org/resolution)

**Bring any questions you have about resolutions.**

1. **Committee Reports**
	1. **Membership, Chair Frank Maestas, Board Member**
	2. **Legislative, Chair Larry Lorenzo, member**
	3. **Philosophy, Daphne Mitchell, Sec/Treas**
	4. **Fundraiser, Chair Will Harmon, member**
2. **Birthdays for this month**
3. **Announcements:**
	1. **State Convention Sept 21-24**
	2. **Chapters have been asked to provide a monetary contribution for door prizes.**
	3. **Table at the convention**
	4. **Think about having our meetings earlier/different day**
4. **Open discussion, next meeting will be held at State Convention**
5. **Adjournment**

**Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you on August 22nd.**

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**Board Members**

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**Committees**

**Fundraising**

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**Legislative**

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**Philosophy**

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**Membership**

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**Membership dues or donations can be sent to German Benitez**

**Here is the information you need if you should decide to join the chapter:**

**In order to pay your dues, of $5.00 for the year, please send a check or electronically send money through PayPal. Please makes checks payable to NFBNM placing At Large Chapter Dues in the memo line.**

**Please send checks/money orders to:**

**German Benitez, Treasurer**

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