**At Large Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico January 23,2024**

**Greetings chapter members and guests**

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

**Topic: Personal Safety**

**Guest Speaker Amy Wilson, Safety Positive Foundation**

**Date/Time: January 23, 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 promptly at 7:00.**

**Review of ground rules to help our meeting run smoothly and effectively**

* 1st Use your real name during the meeting
* 2nd when needing to speak, address me as Madam chair. Then state your name. This way we all know who is speaking and it gives me a chance to acknowledge you as the next speaker.
* 3rd We have **the responsibility** to be courteous and respectful.
* 4th We each have **the right** to be respected

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

**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 Steve Jorgenson**

**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 November meeting**
3. **Treasurer’s Report for November-January, Daphne Mitchell, secretary/treasurer**

**9.Guest speaker Amy Wilson CEO and founder of the Safety Positive Foundation. Through the establishment of the Safety Positive Foundation, Amy shares her skills and empowers her community to embrace a safety positive lifestyle.**

**10. Presidential Release, Tara Chavez, Affiliate President**

**11. Committee Reports, remember anyone can join these committees, there is contact information at the bottom of the agenda**

* 1. **Philosophy, Daphne Mitchell, committee chair**
  2. **Membership, Frank Maestas, committee chair**
  3. **Legislature, Larry Lorenzo, committee chair**
  4. **Fundraising, Will Harmon, committee chair**

**12. New Business**

* 1. **Membership state dues for 2023**
  2. **State donation**

1. **100.00 to State Convention Day Care**
2. **200.00 to Scholarship fund**

**13. Birthdays for January**

1. **Open discussion, next meeting will be February 27th**
2. **Adjournment**

**Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you on February 27th.**

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