NFB of Arizona

Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 02, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Coco’s Bakery Restaurant, 2026 North 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85006; (602) 258-3821

Meeting Minutes

9:30 a.m. Call to Order by President Brad Kuhn.

Roll Call: 14 people were present, including 3 guests and 4 attending via the Phoenix Chapter Conference Call Line.

Phoenix Chapter Conference Call Line: (712) 770-4856

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Pledges: Tom Johnson led the Pledge to the American Flag, as well as the NFB Pledge.

Prayer: Manny led the Prayer, after each request and concern was shared.

Secretary’s Report, Vicki Hodges, Board Member

Jordan Moon played the October 05, 2019 Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting report.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes as presented, after clarifying comments were made.

Treasurer’s Report, Donna Silba, Treasurer

As of Saturday, November 02/2019:

Total Expenses: $404.30

New Balance: $1426.75

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

NFB Presidential Release, Mark Riccabono, National President

Jordan Moon played Presidential Release #488, November 2019. President Riccobono talked about our fall convention season, wrapping up Meet the Blind Month, quiet cars, the 2020 National Convention (including an important date change), the scholarship program, the Braille Readers Are Leaders contest, Santa Letters, and the Braille Monitor.

Old Business

Meet the Blind Month Events Update

2019 Sing-A-Thon, Brad Kuhn, President

In addition to the proceeds collected for the Sing-A-Thon Pledges and 50-50 Raffle Sales, the Aint Nicks Tavern owner donated $200 (Two-Hundred Dollars) to the Phoenix Chapter. Also, she expressed interest in holding another Sing-A-Thon fund-raising event on a Saturday in the Spring of 2020. Successful fund-raising allows the Chapter to financially assist members to attend national and state conventions, as well as to participate in other NFB events.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send $300 (Three-Hundred Dollars) to the Arizona State Affiliate. This contribution is approximately 50% (Fifty Percent) of the Sing-A-Thon proceeds, and complies with NFB of AZ Affiliate Board policy.

Sugar Scrub, Michelle Herrera & Cindy Garfio

The Sugar Scrub fund-raiser was great, and raised $75 (Seventy-Five Dollars), for the Chapter. Sincere thanks go to Michelle, Cindy, and their prep team, for initiating a Meet the Blind Month event, in this unique venue.

West Valley Chapter

The West Valley Chapter held an event, at Deborah Smith’s Swift Trucking Company’s restaurant.

Tucson 5K and Half Marathon Event

The Tucson 5K and Half Marathon Event raised $1,000 (One Thousand Dollars), for the Arizona State Affiliate. Several members of our local Valley Chapters met early Sunday morning to travel to Tucson, fulfilling their commitment to support events and fund-raisers that, also, serve as Public Relations and Community Outreach opportunities, throughout the State of Arizona.

Fund-Raising Committee, Brad Kuhn & Colin Wong, Co-Chairs

Joy Harris, Donna Silba, and Cindy Garfio expressed interest in serving on this Committee.

Membership Committee, Monica Nunez & Vicki Hodges, Co-Chairs

Membership Coins: Several Phoenix Chapter members have not received their NFB Membership Coin, including Cindy Garfio, Tom Johnson, Emanuel Caddy, Carrie Taylor, Michelle Herrera, Steve Sesma, Betty Love, and Voin White. Brad and the Membership Committee will work with the NFB of AZ Membership Committee Chair, Amy Porterfield, to acquire these Coins through the established procedure, ASAP. The goal is to ensure that every Phoenix Chapter dues-paying member receives their NFB Membership Coin.

Phoenix Chapter Listserv: This listserv is to make it easier to keep Phoenix Chapter members informed about events and issues, in a timely manner. Joy Harris, Lori Kirsop, Michelle Herrera, Betty Love, Emanuel Caddy, and Cindy Garfio have not successfully been added to this list. Please call Jordan Moon at, (951) 316-5363, if you are not receiving the Phoenix Chapter Listserv messages.

Note: Also, we want to ensure that all Phoenix Chapter members are receiving the NFB of AZ emails, generated and distributed by President Porterfield. There are many ways for members to stay informed and current with NFB national, affiliate, and local news.

Social Committee

2019 Christmas Party, Monica Nunez, Chair

The following members volunteered to help Monica with this annual event: Jordan Moon, Joy Harris, Brad Kuhn, Cindy Garfio, and Teresa Sanchez. Committee members will discuss other activities to enhance the Celebration festivities. Hope to see you, there!

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Garcia's Las Avenidas (Mexican Restaurant), 2212 N. 35th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85009;

(602) 272-5584

Guests will have six meal selections from which to choose and place their order, all for $22.00 (Twenty-Two Dollars). This per person price includes Dinner, a non-alcoholic beverage, and gratuity.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Contact Monica Nunez at, (623) 419-7207, or via email at, monicapnunez1963@gmail.com.

2020 Phoenix Chapter spring Picnic, Brad Kuhn, President

During the October 05, 2019 Phoenix Chapter Business meeting, Brad asked members to research city parks, as potential sites for the 2020 Phoenix Chapter Annual Norma Roberts Picnic. To avoid Easter weekend, Saturday, April 04/2020 is the date set for this social event. Rodney Fletcher agreed to research Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale, and Tom Johnson agreed to research Chaparral Park in Scottsdale.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to select Chaparral Park in Scottsdale, as the preferred site for the annual picnic, with Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale as the backup location.

It was agreed that members serving on the Picnic Planning Committee incorporate family-friendly activities, such as an Easter Egg Hunt. Joy Harris, Jordan Moon, Brad Kuhn, Colin Wong, Monica Nunez, and Teresa Sanchez expressed interest in serving on this Committee.

new business

Special Election, Brad Kuhn, President

With the resignation of Teresa Sanchez, as Secretary, a Special Election to fill this officer position will be conducted during the Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting, Saturday, December 02, 2019. Only Phoenix Chapter members who’s dues are paid as of this Special Election, are qualified to run as a candidate, and are eligible to cast a vote via Secret Ballot. As in the recent Special Election, a Voice Ballot will be permitted by those eligible members attending via conference call, after all Secret Ballots have been collected. Those who are interested in running for the Secretary officer position, must contact Brad Kuhn at, (815) 501-1153, or via email at, Papa.ks.kafe@gmail.com.

Social Media and The NFB Code of Conduct, Brad Kuhn, President & Jordan Moon, First Vice President

It is important to keep Social Media conversation postings professional, when representing the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), nationally, state-wide, and locally. The past Facebook Messenger group has violated the NFB Code of Conduct on many levels, including the harassment and discrimination of chapter members, as well as the misrepresentation of the NFB. This group has been discontinued. Jordan and Brad will set up an official Facebook Messenger Group for the Phoenix Chapter.

2019-2020 Braille Readers are Leaders (BRAL) Contest, Colin Wong, Second Vice President & NFB of AZ Education Committee Chair

Colin will provide the BRAL Contest information for Brad to distribute via the Phoenix Chapter Listserv.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to conduct the January 04, 2020, Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting, at SAAVI, 4222 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018; (602) 795-0195, to promote the Braille Readers are Leaders Contest. Colin and Vicki will plan an event to promote the Phoenix Chapter meeting.

Announcements

NFB of AZ Quarterly Board Meeting

The NFB of AZ Affiliate will conduct its quarterly Board Meeting in Phoenix.

Date: Saturday, November 09, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: To be Announced.

President Porterfield distributes meeting details and Agenda via the NFB of AZ Listserv. Those interested in participating, but are unable to attend in person, can join the meeting via the Affiliate Conference Call Line.

NFBA Conference Call Line: (605) 475-6777

Access Code: 06322 Pound Sign (#)

Conference Call attendees are required to “Mute” their phones, when not “Seeking the Floor” to address the Agenda topic, being discussed by the Board members. \*6 toggles “Mute” On and Off. Everyone attending Affiliate Board Meetings must state their name, and wait to be “Recognized” by President Porterfield, before officially speaking on a topic. It is at the discretion of the NFB of AZ Affiliate President to: manage the Meeting Agenda; monitor the balance of discussion perspectives; and implement Rules of Engagement to curtail meeting disruptions, among other responsibilities. The Affiliate Board Meeting Conference Call connection may be disengaged if the president deems it is a source of excessive disruption.

2019 Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE), Jordan Moon, NFB of AZ First Vice President

Dates: Friday, November 15/2019 & Saturday, November 16/2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glendale Dr., Glendale, AZ 85301; (623) 930-4300

www.vrateaz.com

"The Southwest’s Largest & Longest Running Vision Loss/Blindness Resource Event!

Presentations and Exhibitions Focused on: Life-changing Assistive Technology Resources; combined vision and hearing loss; and Government and Community Services

Mike Able is scheduled as the Key Note Speaker.

The NFB of AZ has paid the registration fee of $500 (Five-Hundred Dollars), to staff a table at VRATE, on Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th. Contact Jordan Moon at, (951) 316-5363 to let him know when you can volunteer to staff the Affiliate table. Admission to VRATE is free, but Registration is encouraged, in order to be eligible for door prize drawings. To register for the Expo, and to learn about the schedule of speakers and topics, go to the website at, www.vrateaz.com.

The following members are available on Fri., Nov. 15/2019:

Monica Nunez

Megan Homrighausen

Colin Wong

The following members are available on Sat., Nov. 16/2019:

Monica NunezJoy Harris

11:30 a.m. the meeting was Adjourned by President Brad Kuhn.

Special Thanks go to Colin Wong, for taking and organizing notes of the November 02/2019 Phoenix Chapter Business Meeting, in my absence. This organization is stronger, because of members like you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Hodges, NFB of AZ Phoenix Chapter Board Member

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