At large Chapter Meeting

June 19 , 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jana Littrell, Carmen Weatherly, Tiffany Manosh, Toby Weissman, Gary Jordan, Bill Passmore,

Michael Hingson, Ever Lee Hairston, Neli Cardanas

Prayer: Gary lead the meeting with a prayer

NFB Plegde: Ever Hairston said the NFB Pledge and then needed someone to take over. Tiffany Manosh

said the NFB Pledge.

Treasurer Report: Carmen gave the report

Beginning Balance $1,494.17

Expenses:

Pac Plan -10.00

Income:

Poppin Popcorn 112.40

Ending Balance $1,596.57

Presidential Release: Jana played the release. Highlights included:

• National Convention in New Orleans and can still attend in person or virtually

• Advocacy Work: Access Technology Affordability Act - S1918 HR1529, Wed Site Accessibility Act

– HR 3417 do not have a Senate yet

• Shopping: Inosearch AI it provides a platform with AI to research the best price online that

members can find regarding the shopping item they are looking for. Inosearch AI also offers a

phone number service. You can round up so a portion of the funds go to the NFB.

• Ecommerce Shopping: NFB Independence Market is now live. You can go to catalog@nfb.org to

shop.

Membership Report: Toby called the following Eric Calhoon, Shelli Alongi, CAST, Orange Coast College

High Tech Center, Cline

July Chapter Meeting: Jana made an executive order that there will be no meeting in July

Birthdays: July birthdays are: Carmen Weatherly &amp; Neli Cardenas

National Convention:

1. Grants: Carmen wanted to know who all was going to Convention and if we are giving any

grants. Tiffany shared that the following folks were going to convention, Tiffany Manosh, Ever

Hairston, Carment Weatherly, Michael Hingson, Cathy Gaten. I shared I was not seeking any

funding as I am receiving from the River City Chapter, Carmen also shared she was not seeking

funding. Ever shared that the National office is broke and she is seeking funding for registration.

Michael shared he was not seeking funding. Jana asked for thoughts about funding for Ever &amp;

Cathy. Gary asked what is the difference between in person and online registration. Jana

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explained the difference to Gary. Tiffany moved to give Cathy 300 and Ever 105. Michael

seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Testing products: Participants attending convention in person can help companies test their

products. David Andrews sent an email about all the companies you can sign up to participate

in the testing. The companies include: Sam’s Club, Chrome, HumanWare, Library Service. To

register check the email from David Andrews to sign up.

3. Museum Info: Those who serve on the committee are asked of a minimum contribution of

$5,000 or $10,000 and Ever is just about done with her contribution. There will be a meeting

about the Museum on July 11 th at 7:00 pm. Please join us for the discussion. Ever also

announced if anyone knows of people who are interested in contributing to the Museum please

contact Patti Chang.

4. Resolutions: Ever announced that it is close to the deadline to submit a resolution for the 2025

National Convention.

5. Schedule: July 8: Seminar Day, July 9: Resolutions, July 10: Board Meeting &amp; Division Day, July

11-13 General Session, July 13: Banquet. Gary asked when can those who are listening virtually

participate in convention. Tiffany shared that the first Virtual session will be July 9 th for

Resolutions, July 10 th for the Board meeting and then July 11-13 for General Sessions &amp; Banquet.

Tiffany also shared that she broke down the agenda which is available by each day and can send

it out to the members.

Legislative Report: Jana asked if there were any other updates regarding any other legislative

information that was not on the release. Jana shared about a direct final ruling which has passed but

just wanted to inform the members about. The direct final ruling regarding accessibility federally

funded buildings. They wanted to roll back some of the accessibility requirements for buildings.

Michael shared that the Sacramento Blind and Talking Book Library is in jeopardy of losing its funding.

He shared that there is funding for this year but it is uncertain if there will be funding next year. Jana

shared that this is the Institute of Museum &amp; Library services funding. The provide 90% of their funding.

This is an important service for blind people and they are scrambling to find ways to keep the funding

going.

Philosophy: Jana did not have a topic so instead read a story from our Kernel Books. Jana read the

article, One Step at a Time. We then had a healthy discussion about the article. Each member shared

their thoughts about it and how it related to themselves and blindness.

Announcements: Tiffany asked about Minutes as it was on the agenda and we did not talk about it yet.

Michael made a motion to approve the April minutes. Ever seconded the motion and the motion

passed. Tiffany will send out the May &amp; June for the August meeting.

Adjournment: Tiffany moved to adjourn, Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully,

Tiffany Manosh, Board Member

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