National federation of the blind of California

Path finder chapter meeting minutes for August 15, 2024

Meeting location WLCAC senior Center 10957 S. Central Avenue Los Angeles as well as virtually via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15A.M. by the president, Arietta Woods and was followed with prayer by the president, Arietta woods

The pledge of allegiance and Federation pledge was recited by everyone

The roll call was done by the secretary, Nellie Cardenas: Meeting attendees: Alexis Harris, Arietta Woods,, Everly Hairston, Michael Richardson, Nellie Cardenas, Ruthie Houston, Rochelle Houston, Sandy Balani, Tiffany Harris

Business:

The minutes for June were emailed to all members. It was moved by Michael and Second by Rochelle that the minutes for June be accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report: The acting treasurer, Sandy Balani was not present at that time. See report information later when she arrived.

Dues and other financial information: The president stated that the collection of our chapter dues, which are $25 annually, for 2025 will start in October 2024 and end January 31, 2025.

The email address to Zell dues as well as any donations or contributions to the Pathfinder Chapter of Los Angeles is

[arietta.woods@att.net](mailto:arietta.woods@att.net).

The following committee reports were given:

Fund Raiser - There is A Viejas Casino trip coming up on Saturday October 5th. The cost per person is $26. All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend or friends. Betsy Estrada volunteered to provide snacks; Sandy Balani will provide mini cakes; and Michael Richardson to secure coffee and water. Charlotte Carroll asks that all items be given to her by October 2nd so she will have adequate time to assemble the snack bags for the bus trip.

Membership and Chapter Development – Michael Richardson stated that We will resume walking at the park after it cools down some. The days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. Unless canceled by Michael Richardson.

Scholarship Committee – Arietta Woods stated that Our next scholarship award will be awarded in 2025. Donations are welcomed.

The following announcements were given by Arietta Woods, president:

The NFB24 National convention was held the First week of July in Orlando Florida. It was well attended, seminars and workshops were educational, board meeting and resolutions were informational and exhibits were great. It was announced by President Riccobono that for 2025! The next national convention will be held in New Orlins; for 2026 and 2027 it will be held in Austin Texas; and for 2028 and 2029 it will be held in Chicago Illinois. Start preparing to attend at least one of them, if not all of them.

The following chapter members attended this year’s convention: Cathy Gaten, Ever Lee Hairston, Michael Richardson, Martha Torres, and Arietta Woods.

Members were encouraged to visit the nfb.org website to view the highlights from the convention.

California State Convention for 2025: Information about the next State convention is pending and will be posted/shared as soon as it becomes available.

Presidential Release: The next monthly presidential release will be held on September 4th at 8:00 P.M Eastern time.

Reminder: Our Annual BBQ will be held on Saturday August 17.

Member engagement: Let’s Talk: The questions for let’s talk were as follows.

What Could you do this week to make a positive impression on your life? And What challenge/challenges would you like to overcome this week? All were asked to participate.

Other announcements:

The my shake app was mentioned by one of the members. The my shake app is an app that alerts people seconds before an earth quake happens.

The Washington Seminar: Next year’s seminar will be held from February third to the sixth of 2025.

PAC plan contribution: Our current contribution is $10.00. It

was moved and seconded that we increase our monthly pac plan donation from $10 to $20.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report for June 2024 and July 2024 were given by Sandy Balani Acting treasurer. They were accepted as read and will be filed. During our June 20th meeting a $300 contribution was given by Triva Sif to sponsor this year’s attendees for the NFB24 national convention. It was noted by Ever Hairston that this information was not included in the June 2024 treasurer report. The omission was noted and will be added to that report.

Closing remarks by Arietta Woods, president:

Prayers and well wishes were extended to our sick and homebound members and August birthdays were acknowledged.

Words of thanks and appreciation for all who attended the meeting were given.

The next chapter meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, 2024, 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.

Our meeting was adjourned at 10:50A.M.