NFB.SFV November Chapter minutes

Date: November 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by our President Robert Stigile and welcomed everyone. Joe Otoole led the pledge.

Question for the month: One thing that you’re grateful for.

In attendance:

Joe, Nicole Matheny, John Albarran, Nancy Urquilla, \*Olga Tobias, Jaymee Castillo, Julian Vargas, Ron Hilliard, Karen Elo, \*Rouen Sison, Rochelle Yohai, Jane Suh, Jo Anne Seaman, racquel Decipeda, Nebiyu Dingetu, Joy Stigile, Sheila Biglang-awa, \*Candace luther and Robert.

19 members including 3 new ones: Olga, Rouen and Candace

Announcements:

Nancy thanked John and Sheila for attending the new Disability Community Resource Center’s Open House.

Jo Anne announced that Tom Grimsley is already home with 24 hour care.

Nebiyu thanked Racquel for the CPR training facilitated by Captain Stacey.

Sheila thanked Nancy who brought the refreshments in October and Rochelle for November.

Nicole announced the ABC, a Spanish club’s fundraising raffle in December. tickets for $1 for a mini stereo.

Jane announced that she is a Board Member of California Association of Blind Students

Robert reminded everyone about the dues which is payable from October thru January’s meeting. If you haven’t paid them after the January’s meeting, you will become an inactive. It will be crucial in the February meeting because we will be having elections, If you haven’t paid the dues,you won’t be able to vote or even be a part of the bord, you need to be an active member. Joe can take your dues if you haven’t paid yet.

Secretary’s report. Done by Sheila and read by Nancy.

Robert added that he would like to startsomething new in January that the minutes of the meeting will be out early for at least a week, via email. Since everyone has email accounts and are receiving emails. He would like to put the minutes out as we do in the list serve and have the motion to approve or give the corrections / additions if there are any in the meeting. This way it will save time in future meetings. This is what they do in the Affiliate board. They put the draft minutes out in the board’s list until they have to approve. Once they have approved it will become binding.

Julian made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and seconded by Racquel. The correction were: 1. Grants that was given out for the State Convention was $225 and not $275. 2. Hearts for Sight event at the Apple bees was from 8 to 10 am not 8 to 9 am. 3. The CPr was October 28 and not October 18. 4. using Mr. and/or Ms with the names are unnecessary. And lastly, When somebody’s seconding, have to mention the name.

Treasurer’s Report done by Sharon Wattson and read by Nancy.

Treasury report for November 11, 2017.

Ending balance as of October 13, 2017$4386.54.

October 21, 2017 a PayPal transfer of $339.55 from AIRA

November 1, 2017 deposit $2805.

$1000 from Humanware.

$350 from John Wolfe.

$695 from Bob’s big boy fundraising.

$60 for battery chargers.

November 6, 2017Paypal transfer of $970.70 from 2nd Site

Ending balance as of November 10, 2017 $7801.79

November 10, 2017 deposit $213

$40 from Sheila for 50/50 raffle Goldie Castro’s bowling event.

$60 from Sheila for battery chargers.

$10 check for dues from Lynn Nishihara

$20 dues from Julian and Jaymee.

$20 dues from Joe and Sharon

$10 dues from Lisa Byrne

$10 dues from Betsy Estrada

$10 dues from Rochelle

$10 dues from Racquel

$23 from 50/50 raffle

Ending balance as of November 10, 2017 $8014.39

Committee Reports:

Racquel: Best in Tech dated November 18, 2017. Please register. We have 3 Gold sponsors this year. Weetmansystems, Humanware and 2nd Site. Braille Insitute is the Platinum sponsor. Box lunches will be provided. Volunteers are needed. Sta. Monica and Braille institute will be providing volunteers. People who are thinking to attend, to please pre-register. Vendors that we have this year: Enhance vision, AT Crater, AIRA, Eye Tech Low Vision, Marquez Products, Dale Macintosh Center and Baume USA. Workshops are: from 8:30 to 9:30 am: Braille Institute. Sweetmansystems. 2nd hour from 9:45 to 10:45 am: Humanware, 2nd Site, 11 am to 1 pm: Speakers main presentation. Before and after that you can visit the presentation’s booths.

A commendation was given to Joe. He was able to work with Amazon and we receive a free Amazon Echo Show that will be raffled as the main prize. Door prize will also be given out by Sweetmansystem, 2nd site, Marquez Products.

Joy made a motion to purchase 8 $25 Uber gift cards. Moved by Joy and seconded by Nancy. Nancy suggested to purchase 4 Lift gift cards and 4 Uber gift cards since not all are using Uber and some might be using Lift. Joy amended the motion to be changed. Motion was made to purchase 4 Uber and 4 Lift gift cards amounted to $25 each. The motion carries.

Sports and Activities.

Racquel thanked the people to attend the CPR training. The next activity will be Self Defense class, either by January or February of next year 2018.

Fishing trip. Good time to apply for fishing license. Planning to have 1 trip each quarter. It is also the right time to apply for the license for skiing. Get your application program, have your sign the Doctor’s application and do the physical exams and join the Orange County Disabled Sports for the Blind. See Racquel if you’re interested in any of those activities.

For the Adapt a Student this year is from the Academy of Music named Jennifer de loss Santos. She’s 18years old and goes to Granada High. Her family is compose of her parents and 3 siblings. 2 sister s and a brother. She has interest to become a Psychologist. She also wants to be an advocate for mental health issue patients. She volunteers at the Bloomfield for Junior Blind Camp.

For her wish, she likes an Apple computer. Further discussion was made about the 2 items such as its corresponding price, where to purchase it and how much the contribution each should give.

The motion was made to have the Chapter purchase an iPad. And by January meeting and February the latest for those who would like to contribute back to the Chapter’s treasury. So we can reimburse the Chapter.

Racquel made the motion that the Chapter buys the IPad for Jennifer and the members will pay their contribution in the January meeting. It will be a donations towards that. Motion was moved and Seconded by Julian.

Robert continued to discuss about the typical tradition that they do is to provide and shoulder the dinner of the child’s family. In addition, we typically pay for Bernard Cunanan’s dinner for helping the Chapter and does a lot of behind the scenes especially at Best in Tech’s website and pictures.

Joy announced the details for the Holiday Party held on December 2nd at Ernie’s Mexican Restaurant. Please do RSVP through the list serve. Meal combination was discussed. It will be sent through email.

Robert discussed about the Washington Seminar. The affiliate had chosen 16 people who are going. And 2 of those people who are going are from our Chapter. Juanita Herrera and himself.

He discussed the State convention that was held first week of November. The Chapter’s basket was bided on a silent auction. Tiffany Manaj in Sacramento had won the silent auction. He expressed on how the State Convention at the Northern California was fantastic and fun. The next State Convention will be here in Southern California. Everyone will be invited and should come and experience

Sheila discussed the phone battery. It was suggested that we would be selling 40 pieces at the Best in Tech event. She and her husband Goldie are currently discussing with the seller about the phone batteries that might have defect. No reply yet. As she continued, she started introducing a guest with 2 volunteers Goldie and Dennis, Olga’s husband. Sheila introduced Pablo Gonzales to introduce a possible fundraising item called the I-tongue. He described the item and detail. But the Chapter will still be looking on it and will further discuss it next year.

AT the end, Julian made a motion to vote in Olga, Rouen and Candice to be voted in as new members of the NFB.SFV Chapter. Seconded by Racquel.

50/50 raffle was $54. Winner was Sheila and won $27.

Julian made the motion to adjourn and Seconded by Jaymee. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted by

Temporarily at your service,

Sheila B.