June minutes 2019

National Federation of the Blind of California

San Fernando Valley Chapter

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, NFB Pledge and the 1 minute message.

In attendance: 23 total.

22 members and 1 guest.

Juanita Herrera - Vice President, Malik - Treasurer, Joy Stigile, John Albarran, Keith Caballa, David and Valerie Delawder, Joe Otoole, Portia Mason, Rochelle Yohai, Jaymee Castillo, Julian Vargas, Terry Almy, Jo Anne Seaman, Luz Madrigal – guest, Ron Hilliard, Karen Elo, Betsy Estrada, Jane Suh, Candace Luther, Katherine Bliss, Sheila Biglang-awa - Secretary and Robert Stigile - President.

Announcements:

Joy announced the Pathfinder Chapter’s Chipotle fundraiser today June 8th at 2994 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood and the cross street is Crenshaw. Time: from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Julian shared Apple’s big announcement from the Worldwide Developer Conference for their next version of their operating system. A lot of good potential for accessibility are coming out. To learn more you can just go to [www.applevis.com](http://www.applevis.com).

Robert announced that the Guide Dogs of America is having an open house on June 22, Saturday from 10 am to 2pm. There will be puppy trials, ground and campus tours, silent auctions and food purchase. Address is 13457 Glen oaks Boulevard in Sylmar.

His 2nd announcement that there will be no Chapter meeting in July due to the National Convention in Las Vegas. With regards the convention, he has available raffle tickets to purchase for $10 each. This will give you a chance to win a trip to next year’s convention. The winner will receive a $1000 cash, banquet tickets, airline tickets and free hotel room for the week. No need to be present to win. Interested to buy, see him after the meeting.

Secretary Report

Juanita made a motion to approve the May minutes. Seconded by Jayme and the motion carries.

Treasury Report

Beginning balance $5723.11

* Deposits made are the following:

Candy sale: $32 from Candace, $48 from Betsy, $16 from Lynne,

Bob’s Big Boy: $0 from Betsy.

Membership dues: $10 from David, $10 from Valerie, $10 from Olga Tobias

50/50 raffle: $18

* Withdrawals are: $50 for PAC plan, $3000 for grants for the National Convention

Ending balance: $2847.11

Committee Report

Fundraising

Shakey’s night on June 23, 2019 Sunday from 5 pm to 8 pm. address: 1300 North San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank City. The cross street is Bethany. Shakey’s will donate 25% from the food purchase to our Chapter. So please come and join!

Then an email will be send out for a Fundraiser conference call for the upcoming months.

Sports and Activities

Juanita was unable to get tickets for the game and all-you-can-eat deal. They are going to the Dodgers vs Cubs game on Friday. She will send out the picture of each purchased tickets.

Robert added that AIRA will make the Dodgers Stadium an AIRA access site on the 14th for the game.

Then in August she added that once tickets are out for sale, they are planning to go to the Rams vs. Cowboys game.

More information for pricing will be put out for those who are interested.

Holiday Party

Robert asked Joy to be in charge for our Christmas Party. But he would like to have someone to be in-charge for the “Adopt a child” program. Malik volunteered himself.

He added for the Adopt a child program, that this is our 8th year doing it. And that we originally started it because The Chapter felt that they would like to give back to the community. So, the Chapter decided to find a family that have a child who is blind and that be able to give that child gifts and possibly give gifts to the parents, too. So, it has evolved from that for a couple years that we’ve given pretty large items such as laptop and an iPad. Those are great, he added, but it has gone beyond the realm of what we originally wanted to do. He actually want the Committee to really have the concept of giving to a child which for the being on what it once was. Almost everyone agreed and shared their input and had further discussion.

The Christmas party will be tentatively scheduled on December 14, Saturday. Details will be discussed later.

Malik discussed the Best in Tech which will happen on November 16, 2019 Saturday. Venue will be at the Braille Institute L.A. Planning in details will be coming out soon. Robert would like to have everyone to come. It is important that we would go to all the vendors and thank them for supporting Best in Tech.

Robert played the Presidential Release #484. Topics discussed are about the National Convention that will be held in Las Vegas. For more details, please contact Robert.

He also would like to remind everyone that once we get back from the National Convention, you’ll probably start seeing information for our State Convention. It will be in Northern California on the weekend of November7th till 10th. Venue will be at the Embassy Suites Milpitas. They will buses to take people. Robert will talk more about it as the dates comes closer.

Lastly, he would like to apologize for not having the tickets available for the 50/50 raffle. Candace offered to bring a humongous roll of raffle tickets for our next meeting.

Candace announced the CABS Shakely’s fundraiser to help support students to attend the August seminar. The Shakely’s fundraiser will be on July 26th in Inglewood. Flyers will be sent out.

Jo Anne announced that Arcadia Congregational Church will have a fundraiser on June 21. Tickets are $10 apiece.

Julian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Malik. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Secretary and

Chair of Fundraising Committee

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