June 2021 Minutes of the meeting

National Federation of the Blind of California

San Fernando Valley Chapter

Date: June 12, , 2021, Saturday

The meeting started at 10:06 am. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance, the NFB Pledge and the 1 minute message.

Trivia what are you looking most to summer?

In attendance:

Nancy and John Albarran, Sheila Biglang-awa – Secretary, Keith Caballa, Jaymee Castillo, Racquel Decipeda, David and Valerie Delawder,

Karen Elo, Juanita Herrera – Vice President, Ron Hilliard – Member-At-Large, Tiffany Johnson, Lindsay Kerr, Jose Lomeli, Candace Luther, Anthony Melena, Lynne Nishihara, Joe Otoole, Julie Skujins,

Jo Anne Seaman, Joy Stigile, Robert Stigile – President, Jane Suh, Julian Vargas and Sharon Watson,

TOTAL 25 members.

Announcements:

Lynne gave a tip if you are on PC or on a keyboard using Zoom and you’re on mute, put your fingers on the spacebar and it will unmute you while you speak. Let go of it and it will put you back on mute. You can also enhance your appearance on the camera. You can also do something with studio effects by clicking the virtual background and You'll at the bottom the studio effects. By clicking it you can have eyebrow enhancements for women and for men you can have beard and mustache enhancements. You can also add lipstick. You have to have the Zoom program installed on your computer to find all these.

Racquel announced the Hearts for Sight about their support group. They have a new batch of 10 session so with Dr. Mojiana. Starting June 21st for the Monday sessions and June 23rd for Wednesday sessions. The Mondi sessions are focus on acceptance and commitment therapy. The Wednesday group is general session. It will run for 10 sessions until August 23rd for the Mondays and August 25th for Wednesdays. Starts 5:30 pm and ends 7 pm. For anyone interested, call her at 818-457-1482. They will also start individual counselling program. You will have 12 sessions at a time. Contact for the intake process. Her last announcement was their June hike at the Clairmont Wilderness. Meet time 8:30 am on June 26. It we a 5 mile round trip hike and will end at 1:30 pm. Address is 2430 North Indian Hill Blvd.

Juanita announced for those who registered for the AIRA program through Del Macintosh Center. You might have receive an every-mail which advertise a 500 minutes per month but it was not really implemented. The accounts were unlimited but so people took advantage of it by just sitting there doing window watching all day. So, they have to put restrictions on it and changed to the 500 minute usage to anyone who lives in LA county and Orange County. Anyone else outside those 2 counties will get the Basic plan. It will end in August but the UC Irvine and Toyota are working to secure additional funding. So she'll keep us updated on this. Her 2nd announcement is that Del Macintosh is hiring who are interested working in Orange County. They have 8 job positions available with a starting rate of $20 - $21 an hour for entry level positions. She'll send out the info on the list serve.

Robert announced that there will be no Chapter meeting in July. With the CAGDU, social calls, the next one will be on July 3rd at 4 pm.

For the Tech corner, Julian is welcoming anyone to contact him directly off-line for any questions about his presentation.

Here are his following announcements:

\*there is a problem with screen recognition feature in Voice Over on the IOS devices. This is a feature where the Apple recently put in where it describes things on the screen that are not labeled.

\* about some of Rochelle Yohai's belongings that are available in Needing Homes. One in particular is her microwave that has buttons on it. There are also computer, printer, speaker and keyboard available and are currently being held by Bob Acosta. You can speak with Julian to connect with Bob Acosta to make arrangements to come and pick it up.

\* Next is about Amazon sidewalk. Your Alexa device is now able to share of your internet band and to allow other nearby devices to access the internet. It also meant to be used for find my tech devices.

\* next is for the Apple called WWWDC2021 for Worldwide Developer's conference. This is where they announce things that are of interest to developers who write apps to work on IOS devices.

\* in the fall, we're going to have IOS 15 and iPad IOS 15.

\* With the IOS 14, the facetime is going to get to be like Zoom like a conference type call. You will also be able to finally communicate with people who don’t have Apple devices. If they don't have the IOS device, it will open in a browser if you send them the link and you will be able to connect with facetime with no problem.

\* Airpower life text and look up.

\* Continuing double down on privacy for mails and apps.

\* iPad , App library.

\* Health app updates.

\* Maps updates on transit lines and stations.

For more details, please contact him.

Julian will be giving a presentation to the CCLB Irish Center (Council of Citizens of Low Vision on Tuesday June 15 at 5 pm. The name of the podcast is called "Let's talk low vision” or go to ltlvddcclvicc.org.

Breaking Blindness Barriers bonus meeting on the 19th of this month.

his email help at techjv.com

Secretary's report

Lynne made a motion to move the May minutes as accepted, seconded by Nancy.

Treasurer's Report

The May Treasurer's report was sent on June 9, 2021.

Presidential Release

The NFB worked with Mattel company in creating a Helen Keller Barbie doll. Packing will be in Braille.

Convention 2021:

Register by May 31st. Agenda will be coming out soon.

Rookie round up will be on June 29 at 8:30 pm Eastern time.

LOL comedy night will be on Monday July 5th at 7:30 pm. Come with laughter the have a good time!

The Performing arts will have a fundraising concert on July 6 with a $20 ticket fee.

There will be 4 tours: 1. tour about the National Center, 2. Getter space station, 3. Harriot Railroad museum and 4. B and O railroad .

The BELL program (Braille Enrichment for learning the literacy) will have a 2 week session for ages 4 to 12. Last sessions will be in August.

The Legislation.

431 HR.: Access technology affordability act. We have 83 co-sponsors in the house. Please contact your congressional member.

There's a new guide on NFB website called: Blind parents Essential Guide, essential guide to parenting about private public schools.

Amazon fulfillment Centers . You can contact Valerie Yngling@nfb.org or call the National Center.

Fundraising

Double good popcorn fundraiser was June 6. We got $542.50. Robert congratulated everyone.

The Central Valley Chapter’s Double Good popcorn fundraiser will be in August.

Affiliate fundraiser.

The recipe cookbook fundraising. No deadline to submit and no need to be an original recipe. Fill up a form to submit.

Robert announced that between now until end of July, the Affiliate is working with Angela Fowler

 to sell her beef jerky for fundraising. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the affiliate.

Lastly, State convention will be on Thursday October 21 through Sunday October 24th. It will be a virtual session. Registration forms will be out soon. There will be a Spanish and English forms.

Julian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. seconded by Sharon. The meeting was adjourn at11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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