October 2021 Chapter Meeting

The National Federation of the Blind of California

San Fernando Valley Chapter

Date: October 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Terry Almy led us with the Pledge of Allegiance, the NFB Pledge and the 1 minute message.

Trivia: Which is your favorite -- McDonald's French fries or In and Out French fries.

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, Lindsay Kerr, Jose Lomeli, Lynne Nishihara, Joy Stigile, Robert Stigile – President, Julian Vargas, Terry Almy, Betsy Estrada, Guillermo Robles and Matthew Myers – guest.

Total 21. 20 members and 1 guest.

Announcements:

Julian with his Tech Corner talked about:

\* The reading and installing IOS15 which has bugs here and there.

\* \_ later this month IOS15.1 will be released.

\* Google announce their new pixel 6 phone, major phone release of the year. Google added the finger print sensor like the Apple.

\* \_ For IOS users who likes or are looking for GPS apps is now under the flag of Good Maps. The Good Maps are working a lot on indoor navigation solutions. It is now free and its called Good Maps Outdoors. It is both orientational and guided GPS solutions. There will be also an announcement of the Android version.

\* The Breaking Blindness Barriers will be having a group discussion meeting next week via Zoom. The topic will be travel and will share travel strategies and techniques. AIRSLA carries of their meetings as Podcast and its available on their site: airsla.org under the category of vision.

\* For those who doesn’t like touchscreen devices, there is a new device called the Blind Cell Classic 2. It’s a tactile phone with buttons on it. If you want to learn more about it, go to ATguys.com.

Racquel’s announcements for Hearts For Sight:

\* October 16 is the bike ride at Eldorado Park in Long Beach from 9 am to 11 am.

\* Fundraiser: Halloween Monster Bash. Admission is $30 that comes with taco plates and 2 alcoholic beverages. Then the participants who are under 21, admission is $10 with taco plates and drinks. It will be on October 29 at 2212 Beverly Blvd. in L.A. From 56 pm to 10 pm. Come in with your Halloween costume.

Robert announced the members who sent their dues will see their names in the Treasurer’s report with the exception of Julian, Jaymee and jane whose dues came in last night but will be seen on the next Treasurer’s Report for next month. And those who haven’t sent in their dues yet, it is payable for the next 2 months. Dues $10 and a $5 for the auction basket.

Call him for the manner of payment.

\* CAGDU(California Association of Guide Dog Users) will have a monthly meeting on Tuesday October 12 at 7:30 pm. Let him know if you’re interested to join so he can send you the Zoom info.

Secretary’s Report

Guillermo made a motion to approved the September minutes, seconded by Terry and the motion carries.

Treasurer’s Report

Nancy sent the September Treasurer’s on October 8 in the list serve.

Robert had a great remarks how the Treasurer’s report are being done in details and these are so important to know. It’s very well done. Thank you Nancy!

State Convention 2021

Coming up on October 21 through the 24th. Free registration up to October 14th and after this day it will $25. Agenda will be out next week with the Zoom info.

There will be a talent show on Friday evening. There will be a $5 fee to be a part of the audience.

For door prizes, we still need more. The Guide Dog Division donated Amazon gift card and Starbucks gift card amounted to $25 each. There is a system for people who would like to donate door prizes and Further information was discussed on how to fill out a form. Contact Robert for the details. He also asked the Chapter would be willing to donate like what we did last year. We gave $200 donation for door prizes.

Terry made a motion to donate $200 for door prizes plus fees, seconded by Guillermo and motion carries.

Robert discussed next the contribution for the State Office to help all of our programs. Joy made a motion to donate $2000, seconded by Terry and the motion carries.

Next item, is that there will be an election at our State convention. There are 4 positions that are up and the names are: Tiffany Manosh, Veronica Martinez, Michael Richardson and Cheryl Thurston. This are going to be 2-year terms. Jim Barbers, a board member that was elected last year will be stepping down at the State Convention. He has accepted a job in London and will be moving in the beginning of the new year. Robert discussed further how the elections will be ran via Zoom.

Lynne made a motion to have our President Robert be a delegate and Juanita our Vice President be the alternate delegate, seconded by Jose and the motion carries.

In addition, The Deaf and Blind division organizing meeting will be on Saturday at 5:30 pm. There will be also a Sports and Rec Division organizing meeting on Saturday at11 am.

Presidential Release

Ron played the Presidential Release #509. For more information, feel free to contact Robert.

There are 2 things that Robert mentioned and discussed the bill HR431 for the Access Technology Affordability Act and the bill HR4853 for the non-visual home medical devices. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to Robert.

In person Chapter meeting. Robert would love to have it at his house on November 13th. It was discussed that we will have an in-person / Zoom meeting.

Holiday Party

Joy mentioned that Joe Otoole has been looking and called the Ernie’s restaurant. This restaurant got a City permit to set-up for outdoor dining in their parking lot with tents and heaters. So, Joy talked to them about the December 11th for our holiday party. For lunch including the meal of $22, tax and tips becomes $ $28.49. This includes the main dish and soft beverage. Now for the dinner, it will cost $10 or $11 more per person.

Joy asked the Chapter for an open discussion as what to decide whether we’re agreeing to have a holiday party, as to what time like lunch time, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5pm or happy hour or dinner time.

Fundraising Committee

Robert would like to have the Fundraising Committee put their heads together and come up with some ideas. A meeting between now till the next Chapter meeting would be great. For those that can’t make it to the meeting, you can send Robert some ideas and he’ll forward it to the committee.

Look out for the Double Goods popcorn, coming your way via e-mail!

Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jose. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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