National Federation of the Blind of Florida

Greater Jacksonville Chapter

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Colonial Point Condominiums

5201 Atlantic Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32207,  in the Clubhouse.

The meeting was called to order at  3:32 PM.

Introductions

 In attendance:

President: Kaye Baker

Secretary: Fallon Minichiello

Treasurer: Russ Davis

Bord Member: Adriann Keve

Members: Jason Keve, Erica Jones, Latoya Kendrick, Jose Morales, Andy Rood, Sarah Jacobs, James Jacobs, John Lennon, Vicky Lennon

1st Affiliate Vice President: Camille Tate

Visitors: Peggy Fleischer, David Fleischer, Liz Campbell, Tanya Thompson, Richard Thompson.

NFB Pledge, and One Minute Message – Recited by All: Andy recited the pledge, and Russ recited the 1 minute message.

Approval of the September Secretary’s report – Fallon: Adriann motioned to accept the minutes as distributed. Jose seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of the September Treasurer’s report – Russ: Fallon emailed the treasurer’s report to the chapter prior to the meeting. Jason read the treasurer’s report out loud as follows: the beginning balance in the chapter’s checking account = $2,647.85, and the ending balance in the chapter’s checking account = $2,721.59. The beginning and ending balances in the chapter’s savings account = $100.00. For PayPal, the beginning and ending balance = $0.00. Jose motioned to accept the treasurer’s report as read. Adriann seconded. The motion passed. Russ also gave us a preview of October’s report which will include Joe’s donation to the chapter in the name of Emily Pfohl as discussed at last month’s chapter meeting which was sent to Russ directly back in September and has been deposited in to the chapter’s checking account at the time of the meeting. Those are among funds that are restricted which will be included in future treasurer’s reports.

Reminder of on-going fundraiser: Kaye reminded the chapter of our ongoing fundraiser where the winner will either receive a pair of the Ray-Band Meta Smart Glasses or cash value if the winner does not wish to have the smart glasses. The raffle tickets are $5 per ticket. Kaye described videos she took with the glasses this morning at the White Cane Walk several members attended the morning of the meeting that was hosted by the CIL and DBS. So far, we have sold $200 in tickets. Kaye encouraged chapter members to sell raffle tickets and spread the word. The winner will be drawn on Thanksgiving. Russ also advised that the JAX Packs will return during this year’s state convention and advised of pre sales that we have for those. Jax Packs are $7.

  Nominating Committee Report – Jose: Kaye thanked those who served on the nominating committee. The slate of candidates were presented as follows:

Vice President: Russ Davis

Treasurer: Jason Keve

2nd Board Position: Adriann Keve

3rd Board Position:: Sarah Jacobs

Fallon motioned to accept the nominating committee report. Erica seconded. The motion passed.

Elections:

The positions up for elections are as follows:

Vice President – Currently held by Denise Valkema

Treasurer – Currently held by Russ Davis

Second Board Position - Currently held by Adriann Keve

Third Board Position – Previously held by Glen Baker

For vice president, Russ was elected by acclamation and will serve a two year term. For treasurer, Jason was elected by acclamation and will serve a two year term. For 2nd board position, Adriann was re-elected by a acclamation and will serve a two year term. For 3rd board position, Sarah was elected by acclamation and will serve one year of a two year term completing Glen Baker’s term. Kaye acknowledged Denise’s work not only in our chapter but also in the affiliate. Due to personal reasons, she is stepping away from the chapter and the affiliate. Kaye also thanked Russ for his service as treasurer which he has held since 2015. Russ advised that he and Jason will be working on a transition.

Membership update: Peggy Fleischer and David Fleischer were accepted as members. Memberships were also discussed.

. State Convention Update

The State Convention has been rescheduled for November 8, 9 and 10.

Registration is now open. The deadline to register is November 1. You may visit [www.nfbflorida.org](http://www.nfbflorida.org/) and register at a cost of $25. You may also register for a banquet meal for $75. If you previously registered for convention, and you will be attending during our rescheduled time, you need to contact Affiliate Treasurer Sylvia Young by emailing [treasurer@nfbflorida.org](mailto:treasurer@nfbflorida.org), or calling or texting 850-322-5937 to be confirmed to the list of attendees. If you have previously registered you will not need to pay again, but we do need an accurate count of attendees so we may provide information to the hotel. Hotel reservations can also be made. If you will be attending convention, and you previously had a hotel reservation, you will need to call the hotel at 904-396-5100 and reserve your room again booking code NFB. The deadline for hotel reservations is October 29. Russ updated us on the status of the exhibit hall working with vendors on the updated dates. He will draw up a schedule to work our chapter’s table at the exhibit hall for two hour shifts. If you wish to work a shift at our exhibit hall table, please let Russ know. Russ encouraged chapter participation. Vicky described the art show, and due to having eye surgery, will not be able to hold the art class and is working out the logistics for getting the art to the art show. Kaye updated us on the status of the hospitality suite working with vendors with the updated dates and advised we are still having Chick-fil-A for breakfast on November 9 and breakfast options for November 10. Erica had questions regarding the dollar auction. Peggy described the dollar auction for those that did not know. Russ described state convention for those that did not know.

November Chapter meeting location change: It was decided that for November, we would have a holiday party which at the time of the meeting was scheduled for November 2 at 12:30 PM at the Colonial Point Clubhouse located at 5201 Atlantic Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32207 and would be catered. Peggy, Sarah, and Adriann were appointed to a committee to look in to catering options and will contact the chapter to review the options.

Events Committee updates: Latoya was appointed events committee chair. If you wish to join the events committee, please let Latoya know.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.