**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

**MELBOURNE SPACE COAST CHAPTER**

**Chapter Teleconference Minutes—April 10, 2021**

***NOTE: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, future chapter meetings will be held via teleconference until further notice.***

***The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM***

**PRESENT**

**Camille Tate President**

**Joyce Taylor Vice President**

**Nancy Hollo Treasurer**

**Julia Savage Secretary**

**Maria Rigogliosi 1st Board Member**

**Teresa Cruz 2nd Board Member**

**Joe Naulty 3rd Board Member**

* **Meeting called to order**
  + Roll call of Officers **(CT)**
  + Pledge of Allegiance/NFB Pledge **(RB/CT)**
  + Opening Prayer **(RB)**
* **Secretary’s Report (JS):** WAIVE **(MR/NH *2nd)***
* **Treasurer’s Report (NH): $4,977.23 (as of 3/31)** As of this morning the 50/50 Raffle pot is $520; PayPal fees do not affect the winner’s share.
* **President’s Report (CT):** Great news with the ongoing success of 50/50 Raffle; scheduled SCAT meeting for 4/21 at 1:00 pm at the Cocoa office; JT/MR/AN will attend SCAT meeting; CT attended Transportation for the Disadvantaged (TD) board meeting on 3/22; changes have been made to the CARES Act; under the regulations of the TD, SCAT needs to comply and complete paratransit reservations within slated work hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Committee Reports**
  + **Car Show (JS/JN):** Secured October 9 with Azan Shriners facility for 7th Annual Car Show; secured DJ John to emcee show while attending Satellite Lions’ 10th Annual car show; will start earlier in cementing commitments on contact list; need members to join Car Show Committee; we are looking for sponsors to support costs for T-shirts; will distribute sponsorship letters once finalized.
  + **Transportation (MR):** paratransit has been falling behind in scheduled pickup times. Scott Nelson is officially retired; all buses have been outfitted with iPads and GPS; apps to track bus routes/times still not available; constant transportation issues/delays for SCAT due to ongoing Brightline Rail construction.
* **Washington Seminar (CT):** Discussed current legislation and bills in the House of Representatives; there will be follow up meetings throughout the year.
* **SCAT Meeting in April (CT): Meeting at SCAT/Cocoa office to discuss transportation issues; interested board members need to let CT know if they want to attend.**
* **50/50 Raffle Fundraiser (CT):** MSCC will hold a 50/50 Raffle virtually from 3/12 to 4/17; board has agreed on $1/ticket and $5/six tickets; raffle will be open to all NFB members nationally.
* **National Convention Registration (CT):** Convention will be held via Zoom; registration through May 31st online; voting will be same format as previous year; you have to be a paid NFB member to vote on legislation and elections.
* **NFB Code of Conduct Protocol (CT):** Internal discussions on matters of conduct; Code of Conduct is designed to govern behavior of members; preview of our duties in the event of a code of conduct filing; interested members can join and/or participate in the NFB Survivors Task Force.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Car Show Report (JS):** CT will reiterate chapter participation in the committee and planning as necessary; JS requested volunteers to partake actively either by working on committee projects and/or attending car show event; NH suggested putting a “Projects List” on the chapter email listserv so potential volunteers can select options; we will forego selling T-shirt/cap at car show.
* **Signature Guides (CT):** Discussed the board’s decision to purchase 1000 signature guides and the chapter will cover the additional fee of $60 to produce a template for the signature guides.
* **Legislative Alert (CT):** Thursday morning alert sent out to NFB members to contact their legislators will be re-posted on 4/14; security issues regarding vote-by-mail ballots; CT asking chapter members to submit NFB opposition letter towards the bill to state representatives. AN got no response from local representative on her request to get the bill name/number; myfloridahouse.gov shows list of state legislator for your area.
* **SCAT Meeting (CT/JT/MR):** Discussed in the President’s Report.
* **50/50 Raffle Update (NH):** Discussed in the Treasurer’s Report.
* **MSCC Constitution Review (CT):** need to establish a Constitutional Review Committee, consisting of 5-7 members; need to reevaluate the bylaws of our chapter’s constitution based on the revisions from National and State Affiliate’s constitutions; the national, state, chapter, and divisions’ constitutions are your protected rights as a member of the National Federation of the Blind organization.

***Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM (MR/MHaslett*** ***2nd)***

***(Social Time begins at close of Business)***

**Next Chapter Teleconference is May 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

*Please plan to be at the next chapter meeting as we look forward to seeing you and hearing what you have to say. If you have any questions, concerns, or specific interests, please contact* ***Camille Tate at (321)372-4899*** *so these matters can be discussed at the next chapter meeting. Thank you.*