**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

**MELBOURNE SPACE COAST CHAPTER**

**Chapter Teleconference Minutes—March 13, 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 10:07 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 **(JT)**
* **Secretary’s Report (JS):** **TABLE**
* **Treasurer’s Report (NH): $4,863.39 (as of 2/28)**
* **President’s Report (CT):** Will discuss topics from a meeting on 2/28; 50/50 Raffle for the chapter; G**uest in the house: Renee Hausman.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Membership Dues (CT):** Due by January 31, 2021.
* **2021 Car and Bike Show (CT):** We will have a car show this year.
* **State Legislation 2021 (CT):**
* **Washington Seminar 2021 (CT):** Will be held virtually; four priorities: (1) revisiting the Access Technology Affordability Act (for assistive devices); (2) HUMAN Act (Home Unit Medical Applicants Network); (3) Website accessibility challenges, many sites are not blind user friendly, Uber’s app is not user friendly; (4) Revisiting Accessible Voting Software bill for the state of Florida.

**NEW 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.

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

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

**Next Chapter Teleconference is April 10, 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.*