

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF FLORIDA  
MELBOURNE SPACE COAST CHAPTER  
Chapter Teleconference Minutes—February 12, 2022**

***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**

<b>Camille Tate</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Joyce Taylor</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Nancy Hollo</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
<b>Maria Rigogliosi</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Board</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Arlene Naulty</b>	<b>Board Emeritus</b>

- **Meeting called to order**
  - Roll call of Officers **(CT)**
  - Pledge of Allegiance/NFB Pledge **(Ron Bryant/CT)**
  - Opening Prayer **(JT)**
- **Secretary's Report (JS):** Tabled. The minutes of the January 8, 2022 chapter meeting are not available yet.
- **Treasurer's Report (NH):** **\$4,478.91 (as of 1/31)**
- **President's Report (CT):** The board will follow up on possible locations to resume in person chapter meetings. Possible locations are First Baptist Church of Melbourne, Satellite Beach Community Center, Wickham Park Community Center, and the Oaks Theater.

**OLD BUSINESS**

from January 8, 2022

- **Membership Dues (CT):** 2022 membership dues are due by January 31. Members who have not paid their dues are able to participate in chapter meetings and events, but are not eligible to vote.
- **Constitutional Review Committee (CT):** A call for volunteers to form a review committee for the chapter constitution will be made soon.

- **Washington Seminar (CT):** Camille will be in Jacksonville from February 4-12, then fly from there to Washington. A motion to send \$200 to affiliate for a contribution towards her per diem passed. (NH/MR 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **Resuming in -person meetings (All on call):** First Baptist Church (next to Azan Shriners); NH Satellite Beach Rec Center; MR the Oak Theater. Azan Shriners would be too expensive. Restaurants are too noisy and will expect our members to order food and drink.
- **National Convention (CT):** Will be in person in New Orleans, Louisiana in July, 2022.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **MSCC Secretary Resignation (CT):** JS has resigned as secretary but will still remain active as a member. NH will take minutes of the board and chapter meetings until someone is appointed or runs for Secretary in August.
- **Chapter Elections (CT):** We are a four member board at present. The offices of President, Secretary, First and Third Board (currently vacant) are up for election in August, 2023. The Second Board seat is open. A board member is responsible for attending the majority of board and chapter meetings, and should be able to access email.
- **Chapter Constitution Review Committee (CT):** Beginning in April, a committee of 3-5 chapter members will review our chapter constitution and compare it to the model template provided by the affiliate. The committee will meet once a month. After changes are made, the constitution will be read to the chapter and discussed and amended. It will be read a second time at another chapter meeting. If there are no changes after the second reading, it will be forwarded to the Affiliate Board to be approved, and then sent to the National office. NH volunteered for the review committee. Marilyn Womble requested a copy of the chapter constitution and model template via email. Volunteers are needed.
- **Washington Seminar (CT):** will be virtual this year due to Covid restrictions. CT will post a Zoom link for District 8 legislative sessions. We are welcome to listen in. The donation to the affiliate to cover Camille's per diem cost was cancelled, since she won't be traveling to Washington. Marilyn Womble requested a copy of the legislative issues via email.
- **State Convention 2022 (CT):** The convention will be in person this year. The dates are October 7 through 9 at the South Bank Hotel in Jacksonville. The cost is \$115 plus tax per night. The board has not decided on reimbursement and assistance yet until the registration and banquet fees are determined. Those are costs that the chapter usually

reimburses. All are invited to the Convention Planning conference call on the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

- **National Convention (CT):** As of now, the convention will be in person, July 5 through 10 at the New Orleans Marriott. The cost is \$104 plus 14% tax per night, plus a \$3 fee per person per night. Registration and banquet fees are not known at this time. On March 1 the online registration portal opens.
- **Children's Hunger Project (Maria Rigogliosi):** Maria has arranged an opportunity for us to pack weekend meals for children to take home from school on Fridays. Our date and time is reserved for Wednesday, March 30 at noon in Cocoa. We will spend an hour and a half to two hours packing up to 250 meals wrapped in Saran Wrap. We'll work assembly line style and chairs will be provided. Please contact Maria at 321-795-7376 if you would like to attend. Maria has arranged bus transportation from your home to the venue and back. All are invited.
- **The Joe Show (Joe Naulty):** Although the board has decided not to run the car show this year, Joe is planning to continue with the Joe Show independently. It is in the preliminary planning stage, tentatively scheduled for October 2. MOPAR may take the project on.
- **Communities of Faith (CT):** In order to encourage more to attend the calls, the time will be changed to every third Monday of the month at noon starting in March. There is also a Communities of Faith for the National Division. All are welcome. Invitations will come via email.
- **Seniors Committee (CT):** Meets the first Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Camille at the number below.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM (MR/NH 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Next Chapter Teleconference is March 12 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.*