

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF FLORIDA
MELBOURNE SPACE COAST CHAPTER
Chapter Teleconference Minutes—April 9, 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 10:08 AM

PRESENT

Camille Tate	President
Joyce Taylor	Vice President
Nancy Hollo	Secretary/Treasurer
Joe & Arlene Naulty	Board Emeritus

- **Meeting called to order**
 - NFB Pledge and One Minute Message (CT)
 - Roll call of Officers (CT)
 - Invocation (JT)
 - Pledge of Allegiance (NH)
- **Secretary's Report (NH):** Read and Accepted (Frances Munno/Marilyn Womble 2nd).
- **Treasurer's Report (NH):** \$5,487.94 (as of 3/31)
- **President's Report (CT):** Kenneth Jernigan scholarship application deadline is April 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

(from the March 12, 2022 Chapter Meeting)

- **Constitution Review Committee (CT):** The first amended chapter constitution will be read at the April 9 chapter meeting.
- **Chapter Polo Shirts (CT):** All Uniform Wear on 192 has an image of the NFB logo, so there is no setup fee to imprint shirts. The final price is anticipated to be between \$15 to \$17 per shirt. The shirts will be blue with the full color NFB logo and National Federation of the Blind, Live the Life You Want. Please email Camille with your size.
- **Chapter Elections in August (CT):** The chapter has only four out of seven seats filled. The seats of President, Secretary, and Boards two and three are empty. It is most desired to fill the seat of secretary and one board seat. Camille will run again for chapter president in August for her last term as chapter president. If board seats are not filled the chapter won't be able to continue.
- **Open Leadership Building (CT):** Every second Thursday at 8pm until the end of the year there will be an open meeting for Leadership Building.

- **National Convention (CT):** There will be no board or chapter meeting in July. The convention is in New Orleans from July 5 through July 10 at the New Orleans Marriott.
- **State Convention (CT):** The state convention will be in Jacksonville from October 7 to the 9th. The state affiliate has not decided if or how much assistance will be given. Usually one room per chapter is provided.
- **Resource Time (MR):** Maria encourages participation with the Children's Hunger Project. She will arrange bus transportation to Cocoa. Call Maria at 321-795-7376.
- **Transportation Disadvantaged Program and the ADA (CT):** Camille discussed transportation programs in Brevard County in detail and invited all members to contact her with any questions.
- **Membership Roster (CT):** Two members agreed and no members objected to sharing the roster with board emeritus Joe Naulty.
- **Future Chapter Meetings (CT):** Resuming in person chapter meetings with a Zoom call option for virtual attendance was discussed. Javier offered a location for chapter meetings at 4670 Babcock Palm Bay FL.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Virtual 50/50 Raffle (CT)** The board has decided to have a 50/50 raffle again this year. \$1 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.
- **Chapter T Shirts (CT)** All Uniform Wear can provide embroidered polo shirts saying National Federation of the Blind, Live the Life You Want with our full color logo. Prices are anticipated to be from \$14-17. We plan to sell the shirts at the state convention.
- **State Convention (CT)** is in Jacksonville, October 7 through 9. There is a direct bus line from Melbourne to Jacksonville. Registration is \$25, banquet to be announced. The board has decided to reimburse both the registration and banquet to chapter members.
- **National Convention News (CT)** Pre-registration closes on May 31. Chapter members will be reimbursed for registration but not for the banquet.
- **Children's Hunger Project (CT)** The chapter is scheduled to pack lunches for hungry children on Wednesday, September 28 from noon until 2:00 pm. Contact Maria to schedule transportation. 321-795-7376.
- **First Reading of Chapter Constitution (CT/NH)** The first draft of the amended chapter constitution was read to the chapter members and discussion followed.
- **Open Chapter Board Meeting** An invitation to all chapter members to attend a board meeting will be extended. After board business is concluded the chapter members will be unmuted for discussion. Date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM (JT/Marilyn Womble 2nd)

Next Chapter Teleconference is May 14, 2022 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.-*