National Federation of the Blind of Florida

Miami-Dade Chapter

Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2022

The Miami-Dade Chapter National Federation of the Blind of Florida monthly meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Jorge Hernandez.

Invocation: Vice President John Johnson; followed by roll call and a quorum was established.

The Secretary’s minutes were tabled because it was incomplete.

The Treasurer’s report was given with a beginning balance of $2264.77 and an ending balance of $2309.77.

Chapter Elections: Our 2022-chapter elections will take place on November 17th, and all paid members are encouraged to vote and run for a position if they have a desire to serve on the board. The following positions are up for reelection: Vice President, currently held by John Johnson, Treasurer, held by John Williams, and Board Member 2, held by Carmen Davis.

2022 convention breakdown: Members were given time to express their opinions, observations and experiences regarding the 2022 State Convention. A few notable highlights: a number of members were unable to attend due to the aftermath from Hurricane Ian; general sessions and banquet were excellent; the vastness of the exhibit hall; the auction, and Miami brought the basket home again.

Fund raising ideas: We discussed the possibility of hosting the Sparkles in the Dark program at Shake a Leg, in the spring time suggested by John Williams. Willie is willing to serve as coordinator and she will gladly welcome members who are willing to join the committee and to assist in the planning process.

FRCB meeting in Miami: The annual Florida Rehab Council of the Blind meeting will be held October 27th and 28th at the Miami Lighthouse and the Hilton hotel. Attendees may participate in the open forum VIA the telephone or in person at the Miami Lighthouse on Thursday 27th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Also, on Friday the 28th attendees may attend the meeting from 8:00 AM to 4PM; and if anyone wishes to speak, must request time with the committee.

New business: As a friendly reminder, it is time again to start paying membership dues for 2023, and you may send your $8.00 dues to Treasurer John Williams. Lifetime members are required to remain active in the chapter in order to keep their lifetime status; or the lifetime status will be considered as being lapsed if the member is inactive for at least two years. However, the member can renew his, her dues, or pay the regular $8.00 membership dues.

Treasurer Williams informed us that A.T.S. will hold riders meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at Shake a Leg from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM; and all riders are invited to share their concerns.

Adjournment: Willie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bishop Coleman, approved by all and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Lorna Gray

Secretary

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