National Federation of the Blind of Florida

Miami-Dade Chapter

Meeting Minutes

September 15th, 2022

The Miami-Dade Chapter, National Federation of the Blind of Florida monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by president Jorge Hernandez. We did not have quorum; therefore, President Hernandez used a portion of the time to provide general information about the hotel, the convention and the agenda. He also informed us that our national representative for this year’s State Convention will be John Pare. He is a native of Tampa Florida and serves as Executive Director of Advocacy and Policy.

 At 7:25 PM the roll was taken and a quorum was established. Invocation: Angelo Delvilla.

Treasurer Williams moved to accept the minutes as amended; Vice President John Johnson sent a check on behalf of Lorraine Clement, in the amount of $40.00, to pay $8.00 in membership dues and $32.00 for a donation. Seconded by Angelo and motion passed.

The treasurer’s report was given with a beginning balance of $2269.77 and an ending balance of $2264.77.

Discussions:

Travel to State Convention: Treasurer Williams reported that he was able to secure a large car to transport members to the convention and each member will pay $25.00 to help with gas.

Auction Basket: Ms. Ophelia Thanked Angelo for his contributions for the basket. She also stated that the theme of our basket is “wine and dine” because the basket has wine, gift cards to purchase food from several restaurants and other goodies to enrich the “wine and dine” for the lucky winner who will bid the highest for the basket.

Rooms for State convention: The chapter will purchase two rooms, plus one room from the affiliate for members to share as needed. Ms. Ophelia motioned to have the chapter to pay for one meal for members who will attend the convention, at the rate of no more than $25.00 per person; seconded by Treasurer Williams and approved by all.

Door prize: This year we will allocate $100.00 and a few donated items for door prizes.

State affiliate elections: There will be elections on October 9th, after the business session and the following positions are up for reelection, First Vice President, Secretary, and Board members one and four. All paid members are eligible to vote and seek a position on the affiliate board.

New business: President Hernandez stated that we can start making plans to return to Denneys restaurant for our monthly in person meeting; and for members who are uncomfortable with meeting in person, we will try to include them perhaps by telephone or zoom. Treasurer Williams announced that on September 13th, 2022 the Miami-Dade County Commissioners had voted to extend the contract of ATS for an additional four years to provide transportation to riders.

Adjournment: Treasurer Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice President Johnson and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM

Lorna Gray

Secretary

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