**National Federation of the Blind of Florida**

**Tallahassee Chapter**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2020**

President Christie called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm via phone conference.

Persons present were:

Jada Christie – **President**, Jeffrey Davis – **Vice President**, Sylvia Young – **Secretary**, Donald Christie – **Treasurer**, James Young, Doug Ingram, John Matejka, and Mary Matejka, Lynn Jones and Monique Bowden.

**Agenda approval**: Donald made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. It was second by John; motion approved.

The One Minute Message was recited by Doug. Future assignments as follows: Lynn in July, James in August, Sylvia in September, and Monique in October; in November we will all recite it together.

The NFB pledge was recited by in 4 lines by Mary, Jeff, Sylvia, and Donald.

We celebrated the Donald’s birthday.

The minutes from May’s meeting were sent via email for review and approval. A motion was made by Doug to adopt the minutes as sent. It was second by John; motion approved.

The June treasury report was sent via email for review and approval; summarized as follows:

General Account - $1,736.39,

Slaton Scholarship Fund - $450.73.

A motion was made by Doug to accept the June report as sent. It was second by Sylvia; motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NFB 2020 National Convention July 14 – 18th:** Any door prizes that we purchase must be mailed from the chapter to the winner. Gift cards were suggested as they would be less costly to mail. We agreed the chapter will pay the any postage and shipping occurred.

**Annual Applebee’s Flapjack Breakfast**: It was suggested we go ticketless and set up accounts for PayPal, Zelle or Cash app to receive funds. The website is not allowing scheduling for fundraisers currently. It was suggested that we wait until the end of July to see if they will begin scheduling for September. We can communicate via text or email in the interim. We will have a called conference on July 31st if we need a planning session for the fundraiser. We decided on a tentative date September 19th or 26th. Mary volunteered to co-chair with Sylvia for the fundraiser.

**Legislature Update**: Doug reported that he spoke with John Parre and we are to continue to push the ATAA bill. We now have 93 congressmen and 23 senators co-sponsoring. Rep Dunn and neither senator has signed on to co-sponsor. There is a push in Florida now for voting by mail but there is a problem with signatures not matching because blind people do not sign the same way every time. Maybe we could get someone from Supervisor of elections to meet with us in July. Doug will check into it.

Jada will ask if the Presidential Releases are mandator – still waiting for the information and will let us know.

NFBF 50th Anniversary Convention: The convention will be virtual and tentative date is October 3rd through 4th.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We decided to have a chapter meeting in July.

Member Highlight – for June was James. July member will be Monique.

Announcements: Tamika Butts president of Treasure Coast Chapter lost her mother May 22nd.

LBB staff are doing well and miss us and cannot wait for us to return.

It was moved by Sylvia and second by Doug that the meeting be adjourned; Motion carried. President Christie adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Young, NFB Tallahassee Secretary

**One Minute Message:** The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.