NFB of SC At-Large Chapter

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

Convened: 7:06 PM Dismissed: 8:08 PM

Present: Ed Bible, Julie Bible, David Bundy, Dondra Bible, Mary Sonksen, Roger Webb, Lewis Fowler, Angela Fowler, Helen Jones, Jeffrey Rono, Domonique ?, Pat Wallthof, Lisa Walters, Lula Wilson.

* Ed Bible called the meeting to order and David Bundy provided a prayer at the beginning of the meeting.
* Meeting minutes of April, 2020 were not sent out. Ed will send out the April and May Meeting Minutes to everyone before the June meeting. Both April and May meeting minutes will be voted on for approval during the June meeting.
* Ed stated that he will send The Constitution of the At-Large Chapter of the NFB of SC to everyone (as written in draft form). The members will vote on it at the June Meeting. A motion was made by Lewis Fowler to vote on the Constitution during the June, 2020 meeting and Roger Webb seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
* So far, the At-Large Chapter of the NFB of SC has a President, Vice-President, and a Treasurer. The participants agreed that a Secretary ought to be nominated and voted on. Helen Jones nominated Mary Sonksen for secretary and Lewis Fowler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Mary was unanimously voted in as Secretary.

Topics of Interest:

* Ed reported that the At-Large Chapter has a checking account at First Citizens Bank in Columbia.
* Ed stated that he wants to have a fundraiser in order to provide assistance to those who need monetary support to attend the NFB of SC state convention. Ed will arrange to have Lora Martin tell us of her fundraising experiences and ideas at a future meeting.
* During the April meeting, Roger mentioned the need to compile resource information to help newly blinded individuals locate needed resources. Mary stated that she believed that we may wish to compile helpful information to benefit blind individuals. Discussion among participants followed with Lewis suggesting that a grant could be written and further develop a website to provide this information. Helen suggested that the group begin with taking small steps with this project, such as, choosing one particular area to focus our efforts on at this time. Lewis suggested sending out a short survey concerning the perceived most critical area(s) of needs or interests of blind individuals.
* Pat offered to call individuals to get information from them concerning the questions on the survey. Roger, Lewis, and Pat will develop this survey and present it to Ed for his input. After the survey is agreed upon by Ed and the committee, Ed will send it out to the At-Large members for their input on the survey questions.
* Lewis agreed to be the committee chairperson in name only. He stated that this will be a team effort. A motion was made to approve this Survey Committee consisting of Lewis Fowler, Roger Webb, and Pat Walhoff in order to create the survey questions. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
* Ed suggested that during future meetings, one person could be featured each month so that we can become better acquainted with each other.
* Next meeting is Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 PM.

Close in prayer:

* Helen Jones provided the prayer at the end of the meeting.

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* Ed closed the meeting by proclamation.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Sonksen,

Secretary