National Federation of the Blind - Cleveland Chapter

July 16, 2021 Minutes:

July 2021 Chapter monthly meeting was held through zoom platform on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. The zoom link and passcode were provided to all members, guests, visitors and are given below in these minutes. The reason for having this meeting through zoom platform is to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing adopted by the National Federation of the Blind and the local and state officials.

Welcome:

Suzanne Turner, President, welcomed and thanked all members, attendees from other chapters and Divisions, all guests/visitors.

Roll Call:

Suzanne Turner, President, welcomed everyone again and made sure about the attendance of the chapter’s members, guests and visitors.

The National Federation of the Blind Pledge:

William Turner, First Vice President, helped all attendees to recite the National Federation of the Blind Pledge.

Mending and Bereaved Members:

Suzanne Turner, President, informed the Board about some Chapter/Affiliate members and/or their relatives are having some health issues and urged everyone to keep them in his/her thoughts and prayers. Also, she mentioned the names of those members who are feeling better or fully recovered.

Secretary Report:

Ali Benmerzouga, Recording Secretary, with the help of Suzanne Turner’s technology touch, using the zoom sharing feature, presented the May 2021 minutes. Henry Butler made the motion and Linda Burford seconded. The minutes were voted on and carried.

Treasury Report:

William Turner, First Vice President, presented the financial reports for July 2021. The details are given below:

July 2021 Report:

Checking Account:

Balance: $445.81

Balance available to chapter: $265.81

Allocated Balance: $180.00

Beginning Balance: $605.81

Deductions: $210.00

Credits: $50.00

Savings Account:

Balance: $1,138.48

Beginning Balance: $1,138.43

Credits/interest: $0.05

Henry Butler made the motion and Linda Burford seconded it. the treasury report was voted on and carried. The complete July 2021 Treasury Report was submitted to the Recording Secretary.

2021 NFB VIRTUEL CONVENTION Feelings and Satisfactions:

Many members expressed their great feelings and satisfactions about the Convention and the variety of topics it covered.

Fundraising:

Suzanne Turner, President, reminded all members about last year’s fundraising project for the chapter that was planned to occur at Cleveland Urban Winery for one night and urged everyone to think about it this year too in order to beef up our treasury. She added that each person will be asked to sell 8 tickets and the price of the ticket is $15.00. The voting on the matter will be in next month meeting.

Guest:

Ohio Association of Blind Student Fundraising:

Asia Quinones-Evans, the treasurer of the Ohio Association of Blind Students, talked about t-shirt fundraising project they are having, the sizes and colors they are providing and the payment formats they are accepting. She added that there is a google form that needs to be completed and submitted as soon as possible. She concluded by urging everyone to participate in the project.

Guest:

Mentorship and membership;

Dr. peters, reminded all members to be thankful about many things we are enjoying as blind individuals and urged everyone to tell his/her story and to keep repeating it to friends, family. She added that keeping sharing our story with others will have a positive impact on others. She concluded by reminding all members that they can be Mentors or allocated one.

Blind Parents Rights Bill:

Suzanne Turner, President, urged everyone to attend the Columbus seminar, September 19-21, 2021, to push the bill of blind parents and to object Removing kids from their blind parents. She added, we need to explain to the legislators that we are competent and confident in raising our kids and grandkids, loving them and caring about them. Additionally, she mentioned that if you cannot make it for the full three days, you can participate the days we will be visiting the law makers in their offices. She concluded by urging all to keep an open eye on the Agenda of the Seminar that is going to be sent by email by Richard Payne, the Affiliate President. Some members showed interest and decided to attend the Seminar, namely, Lisa, Henry and William.

Cleveland Chapter’s Next month meeting:

Suzanne Turner, President, announced that next month meeting will occur in Memphis Park, on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, rain or shine, and urged everyone to bring his or her umbrella and food. She added that the fee is $175.00/ not refundable, it is a pavilion, there are many picnic tables and two bathrooms. The following members donated to cover some of the expenses related to the event: Richard: $100.00, Suzanne $50.00, Heather ways $50.00, Billie $25.00, Henry $25.00, Wilbert $25.00 and Delcenia $25.00. On behalf of the Chapter, Suzanne thanked all of them for their help and generosity.

2021 State convention:

Suzanne Turner, the chair of the planning committee, announced that the 2021 State Convention is going to be in Columbus from Friday, November 5 till Sunday November 7, 2021. She urged everyone to make his/her reservation, the rate per night is $85.00/breakfast included for two. Also, she mentioned that it is going to be the 75th Anniversary – back to the basics – diamond convention. She added that the registration will start mid-July or so. She concluded that the cost of renting a bus and day/time of departure for our chapter will be discussed/decided soon. She volunteered to check with the bus company about the cost of transportation and report back to the board in the nest meeting.

Shout out:

Dr peters, Chairman of the Ohio-Communities of Faith, reminded everyone about the next meeting of the Division, which will be on Tuesday, July 27, at 6:30 P.M. on the State zoom Room. She mentioned that Jim Weiss will speak this time and she gave the list of all future speakers.

Wilbert Turner, a member and treasurer of the Ohio-Communities of Faith Division, informed all that no matter what your faith is, you are most welcome to talk in the Ohio-Communities of Faith meetings.

Suzanne Turner, reminded everyone about the birthday of William Turner and all wished him a very happy, healthy and prosperous Birthday. He thanked everyone for their nice wishes.

Suzanne Turner, urged everyone to call her in case they need help with any of the above-mentioned matters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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Please make a note of the action items below:

Voice Box Number:

(641) 715-3900

Code: 582705

Cleveland Teleconference Number:

(605) 313-4834

Code: 246345

Ohio Conference Line:

Tel: (712) 775-7031

Code: 240281423

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/4081850851>

Meeting ID: 408 185 0851

One tap mobile

+16468769923 and ID code: 408-185-0851.

Zoom Telephone number:

(669) 900-6833

Id: 4081850851

Ali Benmerzouga, Recording Secretary

440-590-0315 – cell

Natassha Ricks, Treasurer

(216) 376-9863

Notes!

1. Please take a moment and like, share and promote Cleveland’s Facebook Page

<https://m.facebook.com/NationalFederationOfTheBlindOfOhioClevelandChapter/>

2. Please subscribe to Ohio-Talk to stay informed on the know in the Ohio Affiliate.

Ohio-Talk mailing list

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<http://nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/ohio-talk_nfbnet.org>

3. Please subscribe to Cleveland’s List Serve for all up-to-date information in the Cleveland Chapter.

<http://www.nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/nfboh-cleveland_nfbnet.org>

[nfboh-cleveland-request@nfbnet.org](mailto:nfboh-cleveland-request@nfbnet.org)

4- Please don’t forget to send your dues to our Treasurer, Natassha Ricks as soon as you can.

5-please call a member who you have not seen for a while and talk to him/her about returning to the Cleveland Chapter.

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