NFB Brandywine Valley Chapter Meeting on Saturday, June 12

Lynn Heitz (President) called meeting to order at 1:06

In Attendance was Denice Brown, Lynn Heitz, Kelsey Hull, Debbie Murray, Sharon Cavna, Dr. Judith Ray, and Joseph Marsha Drenth.

We started the meeting by reviewing the election from last month. Lynn Heitz was elected President. The Vice President position remains open. Kelsey Hull was elected Secretary, and Marie Garozzo was elected Treasurer.

There was no treasurer report; Treasurer Marie Garozzo was not present due to illness.

We reviewed the Presidential Release:

The National Convention will be held virtually, July 6-10. If haven’t registered yet, you can participate in the events, but you cannot register to vote.

Wednesday

* 2:00-Board of Directors: National scholarship finalists
* 5:00-Resolutions Committees: Policies and Procedure of committee will be voted on

Friday:

* General Session- Anyone present can vote on approval of the resolutions at this meeting
* 11:00-1:00-Affiliate caucus meeting. More information to come regarding this meeting.

We then reviewed the notes from our meeting in April.

Dr. Judith Ray motioned to acknowledge secretary’s report from the last meeting, and the motion was seconded by Debbie Murray.

PAC (pre-authorized contribution) plan that the national organization runs. The funds help the general fund of the national federation of the blind. The chapter does a monthly donation anyway, but individuals can also donate. You can fill out a form on the National Federation of the Blind’s website, under pre-authorized contribution.

National Convention:

The State Convention will be held November 11-14 at the Crowd Plaza in Harrisburg. The room rates are $99 per night.

Registration for this convention will be available soon.

Thursday November 11- Blind Veterans Night with hors d’oeuvres and cash bar.

Affiliate Raffles were discussed. Tickets are sold at $5 each. If your number is called Sunday through Friday, you will receive a $50 prize. If your number is called on a Saturday, you will receive a $100 prize. It is possible to win more than once. The money raised will go to support the scholarship fund. The fundraiser will run October 1st to October 31st.

We then listened to the Presidential Release.

There was a motion for Brandywine Chapter to make a donation for the four affiliate funds. The motion was denied due to lack of treasurer’s presence/report.

Lynn reviewed Access Technology Affordability Act. Chrissy Houlahan has yet to sign the legislation. It allows for a tax credit for a purchase of access technology. The other legislation regards self-driving vehicles. The hope is that the blind and visually impaired would not need a driver’s license to operate the vehicle.

Lynn proposed hosting future meetings at her house in Phoenixville as restrictions are adjusted.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Saturday, August 14th.

Meeting was concluded.