**August 2025 NFB of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions: 14 attendees
   1. Bobbi
   2. Sarah
   3. Laura
   4. Lisa
   5. Serena
   6. Sagar
   7. Jeff
   8. Steven
   9. Marco
   10. Monica
   11. Marget
   12. Taryn
   13. Sherry P
   14. Sheri A
3. Reports
   1. Secretary’ Report- The June meeting minutes were approved.
      1. There are ongoing issues with all of the NFB list serves due to updates to the server. As a result, some messages end up having erroneous characters in them. The issues also mean users can not go the list of all list serves and subscribe to a list.
      2. In order to avoid sending out messages with extra characters, one work around is to attach the text of your message to the e-mail in a Word Document.
      3. It is possible for David Andrews to add people directly to the list serve. Contact him at [David.andrew@nfbnet.org](mailto:David.andrew@nfbnet.org) to request to be added to any NYB list serve.
   2. Treasurer’s Report- Our current balance is $982.91. This reflects an increase of $10 as a result of one member paying dues over the last month.
      1. Dues and donations can be paid/made utilizing the following information:
         1. If using PayPal, Venmo, or Zelle: Sara Hadsell, 510-387-0766,
         2. If using PayPal, select that you are paying a friend, rather than purchasing an item. This will avoid undesired fees. This option may only be available when utilizing PayPal on the computer.
         3. The address for sending checks is: Sara Hadsell, 585 9th St., Oakland, CA 94607

Dues are $10 and paid annually beginning in January

* 1. Presidential Releasee there was no Presidential Release for this month.
  2. Legislative & Advocacy Report- The notes for this report were sent out separately by Lisa.

1. Chapter Business
   1. 2025 Attendees shared their experiences.
   2. Future National Convention locations will be:
      1. 2026- Austin TX- Friday July 3 to Wednesday July 8
      2. 2027- Austin TX- Friday July 2 to Wednesday July 7
      3. 2028- Chicago IL- Monday July 3 to Saturday July 8
      4. 2029- Chicago IL- Monday July 2 to Saturday July 7
      5. 2030- Phoenix AZ- Dates TBA
      6. For the most up to date information about national convention visit: <https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention>
   3. 2026 State Convention will take place Friday March 13trhough Sunday March 15th in Anaheim California. This is the weekend and location of C-SUN.
2. Outreach & Education Committee
   1. Recaps were provided about the June picnic in Delores Park and the Berkely Social 35th ADA Celebration in July.
   2. The August social will be Saturday August 16th at noon at 1400 Bar and Grill in Alameda.
   3. Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday August 19th from 6pm to 7pm using the same information as the chapter meetings.
   4. On Tuesday August 19th at 7pm there is a social opportunity to get to know each other through a game of Hot Seats. That will also use the same Zoom information as the meetings.
3. Chapter Announcements & Questions
   1. How can people join the NFB?
      1. Here is a link to the national page regarding membership: Membership Page, here you will also find information regarding Introduction to the Organized Blind Movement Calls for new members: <https://nfb.org/get-involved/join-us>
      2. Join a local chapter
      3. Join the state’s at large chapter
      4. Join a state or national division
      5. Join as a national at large member by completing this application for approval by the NFB’s national board: <https://nfb.org/get-involved/join-us/member-at-large-application>
4. Discussion: Self Advocacy
5. Bell Ringers & Birthdays
6. Adjournment

Here is the information for joining the meeting:

<https://lighthouse-sf.zoom.us/j/462780914?pwd=VzRhaElHYU9MTVVvU2dxcGNxb0x5UT09>  
  
If you prefer to dial into the meeting from your standard phone, follow these 2 simple instructions.  NOTE: star 6 will mute you while you're on the call.  
  
1.  Dial this number.  669-900-6833  
2.  When asked, enter this meeting ID. 462 78 09 14 followed by the pound sign to the right of the 0 key.  
  
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