PCNFB Chapter Minutes for May 10, 2018

The Monthly meeting of the Potomac Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind was convened at 7 p.m. by President John Halverson. Twelve members were present.

The icebreaker was who would you like either living or dead to have dinner with? ?

We had a moment of silence.

The NFB pledge was led and recited by Sean McMahon.

The minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting were done by Sarah, but we did not have a quorum.

Treasurer’s Report For the period from 05/11/2018 to 06/14/2018

Beginning Balance: $1,801.59

Ending Balance as of 06/14/2018: General Fund: $1,196.59

Chapter Board Elections

Patty Droppers presented the slate for the chapter officers and board.

Newly Elected Potomac Chapter Board:

President: John Halverson

First Vice President: Kathryn Webster

Second Vice President: Deepa Goraya

Treasurer: Sean McMahon

Recording Secretary: Evelyn Valdez

Corresponding Secretary: Derek Manners

Board Member 1: Sarah Blumberg

Board Member 2: Naim Muawia Abu-El Hawa.

Board Member 3: Sarah Patnaude.

Presidential Release

The presidential release was played.

Affiliate Board meeting

So far, President Tracy Soforenko has an action-packed agenda for our affiliate board meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 in Richmond. If you are interested in attending the affiliate board meeting and need transportation, please notify John. VABS (Virginia Association of Blind Students) will be providing lunch consisting of chicken and King Hawaiian rolls with a drink. There will be discussion of Project RISE, our upcoming Friday night welcoming activities at the national convention in Orlando and the role of the Virginia affiliate as a host. Also, Nancy Yeager is compiling shifts for Virginia Federationists for the hospitality suite in which Iowa, Florida, and Virginia will be splitting the responsibilities. As soon as Nancy sends out the email with times and shifts, she is encouraging individuals to sign-up to work two to three-hour shifts. Virginia Federationists would be welcoming conventioneers to the national convention and to the hospitality suite, serving coffee, offering snacks and ensuring individuals are having a good time while in the hospitality suite.

Auction

We had to postpone our annual spring auction due to some difficulties this year and we are looking at having our auction over Labor Day weekend. We are actively seeking an auctioneer. We would like to have our auction at Billy Ruth and Allen’s club room.

Announcements

Deepa mentioned that her trainer, Scott who came in to speak to our membership is very eager to teach group fitness classes and encourage healthy nutritional habits, if anyone is interested.

I hope you all had a Happy Memorial Day weekend!

Yours in the Federation

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Evelyn Valdez,*

*Recording Secretary*

*Virginia Leadership Fellows, Classof 2016*