**Meeting Minutes May 21st, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Chris Walker.

There were 10 members and guest present.

Lea stepped up and receipted the pledge. **Way to go!**

Introductions of guest and members:

**In Person:**

Lois Everline

Wayne Williams

Chris Walker

James Walker

Jacki Brown

Anne Cooke

Irene Farrell {New}

**Via Phone**

James Shobert

Daniel Perry

Lea Schiefele

Caroline Zdziera {New}

Both Irene and Carolyn became members of the Winchester Chapter.

The icebreaker: What is your favorite fruit?

Lois gave us an update on Stanley Barns and Chris is gave an update on Mary Green.

Jacki Brown read the April Meeting Minutes and they were approved as read.

Jim Walker read the April Treasurers Report and it was approved as read.

Jackie Brown and Chris Walker gave an update on the May affiliate board meeting in Richmond.

Chris Walker reached out to the Frederick County Senior Center's. They are asking for large print it materials and food donations. This may be a good way to connect seniors in the area. There are actually six centers in place. Jacki wanted to know more about the Frederick County Senior Centers.

She had also mentioned that the low vision programming that both Jacki and Ann are doing at Westminster.

Jackie Brown also gave us an update on Silver bells in the state convention. Both Ann and Carolyn gave their feedback of their silver bells experience. They were full of excitement and joy of the program and they shared how they have learned and gotten so much from the program. Irene also shared her experience.

Feedback from the Apple Blossom Parade float: Jackie, Jim, Wayne and I gave an update. We are connecting to other organizations to let them know that we are here to represent an advocate for the blind in the Shenandoah Valley area. Thank you everybody and hopefully we decide to do it next year again.

The summer outing was discussed and was tabled until the June meeting. The plan is to meet at Glory Days on a Saturday in July and to have an early dinner at 4pm enjoying the food and company of the chapter members and their families.

Chris gave an update on the Give-20 campaign with HumanWear donating a matching amount. Chris said that he would send out the link to everyone and encourage supporting the programs and activities of the NFB.

Chris spoke about NW works and Access Independence. Chris will be meeting with Deborah Taylor, the CEO, and the Marketing Director. Also Charles Harbaugh IV from Access Independence has reached out to us and wants me to come in and speak to them as well and to see how we can activities in conjunction with Access Independence.

Review of the chapter's financials will be done with Jacki, James and Jim. Chris asked them to please coordinate a time for this to be completed.

It was brought up in discussion to have somebody from the department for the blind and visually impaired to talk about services and more details. Chris will also reach out to Kris Foley to schedule the discussion in the near future.

James Shobert mentioned forming committees for the chapter. It will be discussed at the June chapter meeting.

I may not be as humorous as our wonderful recording secretary Jim Green. We wish Mary Green a quick recovery, as Jim was patiently waiting on the outcome.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Submitted it by Chris Walker, President