# Winchester Chapter Meeting

October 19, 2024

## Call to Order

Our meeting was called to order by Vice-president Chris Walker at 10:01 AM. Our President,

Wayne Williams was out of town and could not attend this meeting.

## Meeting Attendance

The following people attended the October 2024 chapter meeting: Janet Lincoln, James Shobert, Rodney Neely, Mary Green, Chris Walker, Shannon Shea, Bill Turkel, Jacki Brown, Gerry O’Malley, and Sam Scout from the Museum of the Shenandoah.

## Lois Everline’s Passing

Our longtime member, Lois Everline passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Janet Lincoln read Lois’s obituary to the chapter.

The visitation will be held at 10:00 AM and the funeral will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Burnt Factory Church located in Stevenson, VA.

## Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

Sam Scout, Manager of Adult Programs at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, spoke to our chapter. The Museum of the Shenandoah has two parts-the Main Gallery and the Gardens.

The museum of Shenandoah would like to provide ASL interpreting services. The museum would also like to be able to provide touch tours. The museum of Shenandoah has some time available when they can accommodate people with autism.

The Steering Committee of the Museum of the Shenandoah is currently discussing how to make their exhibits more accessible to members of the general public with different types of disabilities. The museum offers guided tours. Please call the Museum of the Shenandoah at 888-556-5799 or at 540-662-1473 and speak with either Sam Scout or Michael Taylor to request a guided tour. You can also request a guided tour on their web site

[https://www.themsv.org › about-msv](https://www.themsv.org/about-msv/)

The museum has tours in which people are given the opportunity to make crafts.

There is also a historic cabin from the 1750s on the grounds of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.

Sometimes the museum can ask the artist if there are items that people can touch.

Jacki Brown suggested that Sam Scout contact Anne Cunningham from the NFB because MS Cunningham organizes a tactile museum at our national conventions.

Chris suggested that Sam Scout might also want to speak with some of the staff at Access Independence to see what the museum can do to make their exhibits more accessible to people with many types of disabilities.

West Minster Canterbury’s vision group might want to take a tour of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.

The only days when guided tours are not going to be available are Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sam Scout suggested that we might want to give the museum a few weeks’ notice if we would like to set up a guided tour of the Museum of the Shenandoah.

The cost of the group tour is $10 per person.

## Acceptance of the September 2024 Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report

Gerry O’Malley moved that both the meeting minutes and the treasurer’s report from our September 2024 meeting be accepted. Janet Lincoln seconded this motion. The meeting minutes and the treasurer’s report were accepted.

## Transportation to NFBV State Convention

We plan to meet at Sullenberger’s Hardware located at 832 Berryville Ave. at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 31, 2024. We can park our cars at Sullenberger’s hardware.

## Raffle Tickets

We had a profit of approximately $2750 for our scholarship fund as of October 19, 2024. We need to stop selling raffle tickets at the state convention by Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM. We should plan to meet during lunch on Saturday, November 2, 2024 to draw the names of the winners of all of our thirteen raffle prizes.

Wayne Williams will post all of our winners on our Facebook page after the drawing.

## Other Convention Logistics

The Winchester Federation of the Blind will pay for our hotel, our convention registration, our boxed lunches, and our banquet ticket. The chapter is also paying for transportation for us to travel to and from the state convention in Portsmouth, VA this year. Also, before you request reimbursement for your convention expenses from Jacki, please email Wayne to ask him to approve your convention expenses.

## Motion about Paying for Mileage

Since the Winchester Federation of the Blind pays a lot of money for us to travel to and from our state convention using a transportation service, James Shobert moved that the chapter will not pay for mileage for someone to travel to our state convention unless there is a need for the person to go to the state convention early to help with some convention arrangements. Jacki Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Other NFBV and NFB Activities

There is a Richmond Seminar that is scheduled to be held on January 20-21, 2025. The Richmond seminar is when we go to Richmond to educate our legislators on the issues that are important to blind Virginians.

There is also a Washington Seminar, which will be held from Monday, February 3 through Thursday, February 6, 2025. The Washington Seminar is where NFB members from all over the United States come together to discuss the issues that are most important to the blind with our U.S. Congressmen and Senators.

## Social Outing

Chris Walker and some other people suggested that we might want to plan a social outing for our chapter members, who are interested. We might plan a visit with an activity followed by a time of food and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney Neely

Recording Secretary