# Winchester NFB Chapter Meeting

April 19, 2025

## Call to Order

The NFB chapter meeting was called to order by our President, Wayne Williams, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 19, 2025

## NFB Pledge

The NFB Pledge was recited.

## Meeting Attendance

Wayne Williams, Chris Walker, Mary Green, and Rodney Neely attended our April 19, 2025 chapter meeting.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report

Chris moved and Mary seconded approval of the meeting minutes and treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.

## Cancellation of our May 17, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Our chapter decided to cancel our May 17, 2025 chapter meeting because the NFB of Virginia has a NFBV state board meeting on May 17, 2025 in Richmond, Virginia.

Wayne, Fernando, and Chris are planning to attend the NFBV state Board meeting in Richmond on May 17, 2025. We will send an email out to our general membership to see if anyone else would like to attend this meeting.

## Annual Contributions to NFB’s Fund’s

Mary Green moved and Rodney Neely seconded the motion that the Winchester Federation of the Blind donate $100 to the NFB White Cane Fund, the NFB Jernigan Fund, the NFB Sun Fund, and the NFB Tenbroek Fund.

This Motion passed unanimously.

## Scholarship Applicants

There are two scholarship applicants that Wayne was thinking of. But he has not been in contact with them. Both scholarships are still available.

Chris will post on faceBook to publicize the availability of these scholarships. Also we could ask Jackie Bruce about posting the availability of the scholarships on the state NFB email list or in her what’s happening on Zoom email blast.

We have raised money to donate a $2000 scholarship for a student in grades K-12, who lives in the northern Shenandoah Valley. We also have raised money to donate a $2000 scholarship to a blind/visually impaired student, who attends any university in Virginia.

## Lions Club float for Apple Blossom Festival

Wayne, Chris, and Kim are planning to ride on the Winchester Host Lions Club float in the Apple Blossom parade on Saturday, May 3, 2025. If other people would like to ride on the float, please get in touch with Wayne Williams.

## Feeback from Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

The staff at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley is interested in making exhibits more accessible to blind/visually impaired museum patrons.

We have given them some feedback by email. This is a work in progress.

Some of us are going to sign up for some of their programs to see how accessible they are and to make suggestions on how their programs could be made more accessible.

## State Membership Information Request

Shannon Britt should be reaching out for membership information. The purpose of this project is to encourage NFB members from throughout the state to Get to know one another. Please Reach out to Shannon or respond to her if she asks us for our information.

## Election of our Chapter Leaders and Board Members

Our chapter has decided to keep our board of directors and chapter leadership elections in September instead of having them in January. Our rationale for this decision is that we would like to have our chapter leadership team in place before our state convention, which is usually scheduled to occur in October or November.

## NFB National Convention

No members from the chapter plan to attend our 2025 NFB national convention in person.

Wayne will send out a link that we can use to register to attend our Virtual Convention.

## Membership in Top of Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce

Our $300 annual investment in the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce (TVCC) is a good investment because it is giving us some publicity-our name is getting out there, people can find us on the web etc.

With Gerry O’Malley leaving Winchester to live in Mexico, some of us might have to attend some meetings of the TVCC.

Wayne will forward the Chamber of Commerce emails from our chapter.

## Leadership Changes

Wayne is not planning to run as president again.

Wayne wants to continue to serve as the chair of the Resource and Technology Committee for our chapter.

Wayne is also willing to serve as a board member.

Jacki Brown is planning to step down as treasurer.

## Membership

Some questions for us to consider include Are we meeting the needs of the new people that come into our chapter? People are needing help. What are people specifically looking for? Chris will try to reach out to people.

## Accessible Pharmacy

Rodney Neely will contact Accessible Pharmacy to see if they might be interested in presenting a program at our June meeting or at West Minster Canterbury.

## Adjournment of Meeting

Chris motioned that our meeting adjourn. Rodney seconded the motion. Our April 19, 2025 meeting of the Winchester Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Neely, Recording Secretary

Winchester Federation of the Blind