**GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

**JANUARY 16, 2016**

* Mike Mello called to order at 10:16 AM.
* Introductions.
* The November 2015 meeting minutes are approved at read.
* The treasury has a current balance of $1,655.33. The treasurer’s report was approved as read.
* Mike gave an update on the Rock Bottom fundraiser and people are invited to share ideas they might have for fundraising.
* Cindy gave an update on the superintendent search. Unfortunately, people were appointed onto the hiring committee without the knowledge of the WCB and NFB and a joint letter was written. Three blind people are now on the hiring committee.
* Elections for 2016
  + President: Arielle Silverman
  + Vice President: Mike Mello
  + 2nd Vice President: Jacob Struiksma
  + Secretary: Tanna Dieken
  + Treasurer: Danial Heathman
  + Board Member(s): Ellen Farver, Mary Helen Scheiber
* Mike led a discussion on recruiting new NFB members. Members shared ideas such as coffee meetings, happy hour, lunches after chapter meetings to name a few. Other ideas were shared about recruiting at the Lighthouse of the Blind, but unfortunately, they have policies in place that prohibits this type of recruiting.
* The presidential release was played.
* Jacob was in the newspaper regarding construction and he also announced four openings are on the Pedestrians Advisory Board. Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to the Mayor’s office and live in the Seattle area.
* The presidential release was played.
* Washington seminar update. Danial Fernandian, Mike Freeman, Marci Carpenter are going.
* Marci and Mike are attending a convention planning meeting next meeting and will not be at the next chapter meeting.
* The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

***Respectfully Submitted by***

***Tanna Dieken, Secretary Greater Seattle***

***NFB Secretary***

***January 16, 2016***