Minutes for March 14th:

Attended:

Board Members: Kate, Nihal, Chancey, and Walei

General Members: Valeriya and Alex

Guest speaker: Patti Chang

1. Old Business:

a. Hunter Text book in Braille:

i. Chancey started a motion to contact Hunter’s Disability Service

office and get a statement about their policies regarding text books.

ii. Motion was supported by all the board members.

b. Motion to change conference call times to the second Sunday of

every month at 6 PM.

i. Motion was passed.

2. NFB National Scholarship:

a. Deadline is March 31st.

b. How to apply:

i. Apply online at http://www.nfb.org/scholarship-program

ii. You can save your progress and finish it at different times.

iii. When you submit a completed application with all the required

documents, you will receive a receipt.

c. Basic requirements:

i. Proof of blindness: Must be blind in both eyes. Preferably just a

letter from a doctor that declares you legally blind. Please avoid

sending long medical reports

ii. Must be attending an accredited college in the U.S. or Puerto Rico

for the 2012 scholastic year. 29 Scholarships will be awarded to full

time undergraduate or graduate students. Note: one Scholarship will be

awarded to a candidate who is working full time and going to school

part time.

iii. Must participate in all of the activities in the 2012 NFB

National Convention.

iv. 2 reference letters: avoid using friends or family members. Some

good examples would be an employer or professor.

v. President’s letter from the NFB affiliate where you reside. For NY

that would be Carl Jacobson.

d. What they’re looking for:

i. Academic leadership: They want potential leaders that can go on and

assume leadership roles in the NFB. Don’t be humble. Highlight your

strengths and qualifications.

ii. What’s your attitude about blindness? How do you view and handle

your disability? Avoid stories of overcoming disability, and the super

krip.

If you have questions e-mail Patti Chang at scholarships@nfb.org

3. Next conference call will be April 8th at 6 PM.