**January 14, 2023**

**Meeting opened at 1005 am.**

**Roll Call:**

**Carmen, Barbara, Francina, Tippi, Sylvia, Robert**

**One minute pledge read by Carmen.**

**Robert Tijerina joined us today and gave us a brief history about himself.**

**Secretary report read by Tippi. Sylvia motioned to approve as read, seconded by Barbra, approved by all.**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Opening balance 1320.77**

**Expenses: State 100.00**

**Dues paid 45.00**

**Ending balance 1265.77**

**Old Business:**

**Washington Seminar is live this year**

**Fact sheets can be found on the NFB website and it is advised that we look at them and familiarize ourselves with them**

**National convention: this years convention is from July 1 – 6 and will take place in Houston TX. The main hotel is the Hilton and the overflow is the Marriott Marquis, which is about 3 blocks from the convention site. Room rate is $119 +7.25% tax and 17% occupancy tax. When booking a room ask for the NFB convention block. Must pay first nights deposit on a credit card and will be charged immediately, must cancel before July 1 for refund, and the refund is only half of the deposit**

**BELL Academy: Takes place July 4 thru Aug 11. Will be in-person this year and is for children ages 4-12. Carmen expressed interest in our chapter getting involved this year.**

**Presidential Release for Jan 2023 was summarized by Tippi**

**Jazzy Social Book Club: The book is *The Amethyst Heart* by Penelope Stokes, DB57263 book club via Zoom is Fri, Feb 4 @ 6pm**

**New Business:**

**We need to form a small committee to go over the membership roster and ideas to build membership. If you have a minute, please give a member a call and see how they are doing and if they would like to be active in our chapter.**

**PAC plan. The old debit card did not allow for withdrawals, only deposits, so our contribution fell off. Carmen and Barbara are going to the bank this week to get a new card. After that we will donate $5 a month at the beginning of each month.**

**Chapter Due:**

**Dues for 2023 are due. They are $15 for the year. Contact Barbara or deposit via Zelle at RiversideSB@gmail.com.**

**MLK Service Event: The NFB will have a national Zoom celebration of MLK on Jan 16 via ZOOM at 6 pm Central time, 4 pm our time. Carmen will send out information for anyone who would like to join.**

**ZOOM: It is time for the chapter to renew our ZOOM. Cost is $149 a year, with a 30% discount if we renew by Jan 28. All were in favor of renewing.**

**NFB Portal and Modular training: for maintaining membership roster. Call Carmen if you are interested in this. The roster is due each year, first goes to the state and the state forwards it to national.**

**Robert was invited to join, and we hope he does. He wants to think about it and is interested.**

**Motion to adjourn by Tippi, second by Sylvia, and meeting was adjourned at 1101 am.**