**Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter NFB**

**Feb. 11, 2023**

**Opened meeting at 10:09 a.m.**

**Roll Call: Robert, Tippi, Carmen, Jordan, Barbara, Sylvia, Francina**

**One minute pledge read by Tippi**

**Secretary report read by Tippi**

**Treasurer report**

**Opening balance $1,265.77**

**Closing balance $1,160.84**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Carmen and Barbara went to Wells Fargo and new debit cards are on the way. Both of their names are on the account now.**

**Washington Seminar was held. John Pare will soon send a list of all those who have sponsored and co-sponsored the bills we want passed. Please e-mail or call those who have not signed up and ask them to co-sponsor. Thank the ones that have supported us. If you call and get an answering machine, please leave a message. Let them know you are a constituent. There will be a sample of what to say or write sent out soon.**

**2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION This year the convention is from Sat. July 1 through Thur. July 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. More information on BELL academy can be found on NFB.org.**

**Presidential Release: No one had listened to this month’s Presidential Release.**

**Jazzy Book Club: The next Jazzy Book Club discussion will be Friday, March 3 at 6pm. The next book is Tangled Threads by Pegi Deitz Shea, DB 59115**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Blindness Support Services, BSS, want to come to a meeting, preferably in person, and give a presentation on what BSS has to offer. Carmen will invite them to the March meeting.**

**GRANTS: First timers grants are available for those going to the National Convention for the first timers. There are also grants for first time attendees at the State Convention. There needs to be an application and you need to tell them why you want to attend and what you hope to gain out of attending, If interested, please talk to Carmen and she can walk you through the process. It all starts at the Chapter level.**

**FUND RAISER: It was decided, with all in agreement, that we would do another Double Good Popcorn fund raiser from Friday March 3 to Monday March 6. Carmen and Barbara to Chair and will follow up later this month with information on how to your Pop-Up store.**

**Friendship Bracelet: Barbara is making friendship bracelets that include a positive word on each bracelet. She would like to sell them at the National Convention to raise money to help someone attending the convention. They will cost $5 for 2 bracelets. Will discuss at a later date a time to get together and all help make bracelets..**

**MANAGEMENT MODULAR TRAINING: This is a tutorial for membership roster and recruitment of new members. If you would like to view, please contact Carmen so she can assign it to you.**

**PAC PLAN: $5 a month will be deducted from out account on the 28th of each month.**

**CHAPTER DUES:**

**Dues for 2023 are due. They are $15 for the year. Contact Barbara or deposit via Zelle at RiversideSB7@gmail.com.**

**STATE CONVENTION: The state convention will be held in Northern California. There are discussions on getting a bus for transportation from So. Cal to the convention. More details to follow.**

**INLAND EMPIRE Chapter is having a backpack giveaway on Feb, 25. Barbara will put more info out on the list serve.**

**Robert wishes to j oin our chapter and we are all excited to have a new member. Welcome, Robert.**

**Motion to adjourn by Tippi, second by Jordan and all agree. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a m**