**Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter Minutes**

**March 11, 2023**

**Opened meeting at 10:08 a.m.**

**The pledge read by Tippi**

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

**Secretary report read by Tippi, motion to approve as read by Sylvia and seconded by Francina and all in favor.**

**Treasurer report: by Barbara**

**Opening balance: $1,155.84**

**Closing balance: $1,290.84**

**Old Business:**

**Washington Seminar is completed and John Pare has sent out a list of our congressional leaders who have sponsored or co-sponsored our issues. He has included a template for calling or e-mailing our representatives. There is also a list of who has and has not endorsed our issues. Please take a look and call or e-mail your representative and thank them if they have co-sponsored. You can call the Capitol Switchboard if you do not know who your representative is. We need to keep the pressure on.**

**Fund Raiser: Our Double Good Gourmet Popcorn fundraiser was a success. We will net $427.59 from Double Good to our funds. Great job everyone. There were also several donations in the amount of $120.00.**

**Bracelets: Barbara would like to set up a date for everyone to meet and help with making bracelets to sell at the National Convention to raise money to the State Convention. Will sell the bracelets, 2 for $5.00. Each bracelet will have a positive message in beads. Was suggested we meet after the April meeting at the Goeske center to make the bracelets. Goal is to make at least 100 bracelets.**

**Sylvia mentioned selling Famous Amos cookies as a fundraiser. Each box contains 30 individual packages of cookies and costs approximately $14.00. We would sell each individual bag for $1.00. Suggested we wait until after Easter to sell them. Will re-visit at April meeting.**

**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. Registration is now open and cost is $25.00 and Banquet is $70.00. Registration at the convention will be an addition $5.00.**

**Presidential Release: Carmen summarized the Presidential release.**

**Jazzy Social Book Club: Had a good discussion on the book ‘Tangled Threads’. Our next book is ‘Big Gold Dream’ by Chester Himes DB46006. Next meeting is Friday April 14 at 6:00 p.m.**

**New Business: Carmen discussed participating in an Outreach event with brochures about the National Federation of the Blind at a physical location to be determined. Discussed doing this in conjunction with White Cane day which is in October.**

**Blindness Support Services (BSS) is interested in giving an in-person demonstration of services they offer. We will invite them to the May meeting.**

**Membership Roster: Active membership roster will go to the State soon. There was a discussion on the Sunshine Committee Roster which will have just the names, birthdays and phone numbers of members. Sylvia will coordinate having us call members to see how they are doing and we can invite them to our monthly meetings, letting them know they are welcome. Barbara and Jordan volunteered to call some members and Tippi continues calling for birthdays.**

**Adjourned**

**11:17 motion to adjourn by Tippi, second by Barbara, all in agreement.**