**Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter Minutes**

**May 13, 2023**

**Opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.**

**Roll Call: Tippi, Carmen, Barbara, Paulina, Robert**

**Treasurer report: by Barbara**

**Opening balance: $1,713.84**

**Closing balance: $1708.84**

**Old Business:**

**2023 National Convention: Virtual registration is free.**

**deadline May 31.**

**Discussed a stipend for Carmen to attend the convention. All agreed upon $350.00.**

**We discussed a stipend for those attending virtually and agreed that we would not take a stipend.**

**A brief discussion on the 2023 National Convention to be held in Houston TX, July 1 to July 6.**

**New Business: From John Pare**

**In January of this year, President Biden nominated Karla Gilbride, an
outstanding graduate of Georgetown Law School who happens to be blind,
to serve as the general counsel for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.**

**Some highlights of her career include arguing a case in
front of the US Supreme Court resulting in a unanimous decision in her
favor, and winning a case in which she represented NFB member Joe
Orozco before the Federal Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.****Recently, Karla's nomination was reported favorably out of the Senate
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and we want to
make sure that Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer understands the
importance of advancing Ms. Gilbride's nomination to the Senate floor.
That is why we need all of you to please call Senator Schumer's office
at 202-224-6542 to urge him to bring her nomination vote to the Senate
floor immediately. You can also email Senator Schumer's nominations
director, Catalina Tam, at****Catalina\_tam@schumer.senate.gov****<mailto:****Catalina\_tam@schumer.senate.gov****>.

When you call or email, you might say something like:

"My name is [YOUR NAME]. I am writing/calling to urge Majority Leader
Schumer to schedule Karla Gilbride's confirmation vote to be the next
general counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Thank
You."**

**Presidential Release: No report.**

**Bracelets: Barbara continues to work on her Friendship Bracelets for a fund raiser to raise money to send someone to the State Convention in November. She currently has 149 completed. They will sell for 2 for $5. She is asking that we send her 5 suggestions to put on the bracelets. The theme is ‘positive thoughts and encouragement and scripture verse’. Please send her any suggestions that you might like to see in a bracelet, or your favorite bible verse.**

**BSS: Blindness Support Services still would like to come to a meeting to introduce the services that they provide for the blind.**

**Sunshine Committee: Tippi continues to call each member on their birthdays and wished them a wonderful day and invite them to join in on the meetings.**

**Jazzy Social Book Club:**

**We will meet next on Friday, June 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss the book “The Big Gold Dream by Chester Himes.**

**Meeting, adjourned at 11:45 AM.**

**All agreed.**