**MINUTES: Linn-Benton Chapter of the NFB - May 2016 \*\*\*\***

**First Alternative Meeting Room 10am to 12pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

 **Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Glenn Wilcox, Sally Utt, Jazzy Ritter, Lori Ritter**

**1.Check in around the table**

**2.Old Business**

**Minutes**

 **There was a motion, and it was seconded, to accept the April minutes.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

 **There was a motion to forego the treasurer’s report this month because our treasurer was not present, and to our knowledge there has been no new activity in our account. The motion was seconded.**

**Dark Café - Thoughts to consider in the planning;**

 **\*date – October 22**

 **\*are we putting this on primarily as a fundraiser, (charge more), or as an educational offering, (would be more affordable for families)**

 **\*how much to charge**

 **\*have an educational seating of some sort earlier in the day, and a fundraiser dinner in the evening**

 **\*separate the fundraisers from the educational events; maybe have them at different times during the year**

 **\*how many people do we want to seat for a dinner?**

 **\*how many sighted helpers will we need?**

 **\*the evening fundraiser could run something like this: an hour of going through various stations, and an hour and a half for “dinner in the dark”, including wine and/or live music**

 **\*how could it work to have 2 dinner seatings?**

 **\*canes – where will we get them from so that there will be enough for everyone to keep a cane with them until they have finished their meal, (if they choose to) There are quite a few kinds of canes: for example;long straight, folding, telescoping, identification, stability. We might want to show an example of each of these and talk about when a person might choose to use each of them, as part of the cane travel station.**

 **\*have an educational event in the morning; serve doughnuts, and maybe have an outside station with an outdoor game for kids**

 **\*\*put together a grant proposal for getting the canes; Lori and Kristen volunteered to work on this.**

 **\*\*how will we get the word out about these events? The Entertainer, in the Gazette Times, and advertise in the Advocate. Maybe the Advocate would write an article about us and the Dark Café. Arona will check out these possibilities for us.**

 **\*\*Carolyn volunteered to check with Valley Catering for the dinner. If not Valley Catering, then where else?**

 **\*charge $100 per person for the fundraiser dinner**

**Presidential Release**

 **We did not listen to the Presidential Release**

**Next Meeting**

 **We are scheduled to meet next on Saturday June 25, however, we may choose to skip June’s meeting because it will be so close to the start of the National Convention in Florida. If we do not meet in June, our next meeting will take place on Saturday July 23, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the meeting room at the First Alternative north store.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sally Utt**