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

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Sally Utt, Arona Rosegold, Glenn Wilcox, Carolyn Gardner, John Gardner, Lori Ritter, Jazzy Ritter, Kristen Jocums, Karen Barker**

**1.Check in around the table**

**2.Old Business**

**Minutes**

**It was pointed out that a correction needed to be made in the section of the minutes which said, mistakenly, that the “Blind Café” was a for profit organization, when it is a non profit organization. With this correction made there was a move by John to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Arona. All were in favor and the July minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**A check for $44 was paid out to the State Affiliate for their share of our membership dues. We now have $127 in our account. Also, there is a check for $100 from the Elks Club which has not yet been deposited. John will write them a thank you note. There was a motion by Glenn to approve the treasurer’s report, and Sally seconded. All were in favor, and the treasurer’s report was approved.**

**“Dark Café”**

**\*We finally decided to keep the name, Dark Café.**

**\*We will not publicize this event yet because we are not far enough along with our planning of it**

**\*We do need to get information from our local newspapers on how to get an announcement published once we have an announcement ready.**

**\*We need to find out how to set up an online bill pay for this event**

**3.New Business**

**State Convention**

**The State Convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield. Or, Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 14, 15 and 16.**

**\*\*We will find out if Dial a Ride can give us a ride, at least one direction.**

**Presidential Release**

**We listened to the Presidential Release for August. (Kristen used Siri to bring it up on her device)**

**“Meet the Blind” Month**

**October is “meet the blind” month. Do we want to plan an event? Do we want to have some sort of informational gathering at our usual meeting time and place; or do we want to set ourselves up out in the community, perhaps near a busy crosswalk, and pass out info there. Members interested in planning this event will meet at Coffee Culture, on Saturday September 10, at 9am.**

**Tech Corner - ‘Yes Chef’**

**‘Yes Chef’ is a free iphone app for cooking. What is different about this app is that it is interactive, and also works with voiceover. It’s a little like working with Siri in that you say, “Chef”, then wait for a prompt, and then ask your question. For example, you can say, “Chef”, “search scones”, and it will find you a list of scone recipes. You can have the chef read you the list, or flick through using VO. And what’s really cool about this app is that once you are making the recipe, you can just call out, “Chef”, “what’s the next step?” or “How much sugar do I need?”, without touching the phone with your sticky hands!**

**September Meeting**

**At our September meeting we will plan to have coffee and doughnuts, chek in with our Dark Café planning, share our event plans for “meet the blind” month, and learn about the iphone rotor.**

**5.Next Meeting**

**Our next meeting will take place on Saturday September 24, from 10:00 to 12:00, at the First Alternative North Store meeting room.**

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**\*\*\*UPDATE**

**Our September chapter meeting is cancelled. Instead, on Saturday September 24, at 5pm, there will be a short business meeting at Kristen Jocums’ home. This will be followed by a “movie night”.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sally Utt**