**MINUTES: Linn-Benton Chapter of the NFB - April 2017\*\*\*\***

**Kristen’s New Office Space 10am – 12pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Carolyn Gardner, John Gardner, Sally Utt, Lori and Jazzy Ritter**

**MINUTES**

**Carolyn moved to approve the March minutes, and Kristen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**At the present there is $3070.10 in our bank account. Kristen moved to approve the treasurer’s report, and Jazzy seconded the motion, and the treasurer’s report was approved.**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**State Convention will take place over the weekend of September 15. It will either be held in Albany, or Florence.**

**\*\*The Blind Parents Bill of Rights Bill did not pass. The Department of Justice was not in agreement with the bill being specificly for blind parents rights, and not being a broader bill of rights for parents with disabilities.**

**DARK CAFÉ**

**Things to do to get ready for our next event**

**\*possible date; Saturday October 21**

**\*check with Valley Catering to see if this date will work for them – Carolyn will contact them**

**\*Canes and Sleepshades to purchase; We will be paying out a large portion of our Dark Café profits to the State Affiliate, and there was a suggestion that we apply for a scholarship from the State Affiliate to pay for us to begin to purchase our own supply of canes and sleepshades to be used in these events now and in the future.**

**John will get an estimate for folding or telescoping canes; Sally will get an estimate from the Commission for the Blind for sleepshades**

**\*Think more about how the low tech and gadgets room will work. Ask Arona to begin a list of items that were in that space for our last event**

**\*Start lining up volunteers for the event**

**\*Figure out how many tables will fit in the “dining room”. Carolyn will design a “dining floor plan”.**

**\*Begin updating the flyer for Café sponsers**

**\*Will Lynne be available to help again?**

**\*Have a separate location, either at one end of the gadgets room, or in another small room, for the iphone tech talk and info**

**\*Perhaps this time have all of the cane travel take place in the hall to the right of the entry. And maybe people wouldn’t have a designated time to do the cane travel, but would be called over as space permitted. We will need an adult volunteer to carry this task out.**

**\*Having a “host” at each table worked out well**

**SUMMER OUTING**

**If we want to have a summer outing, it will need to be in June. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, in May.**

**\*\*\*HENRIETTA**

**Jazzy told us about her new “canine buddy” named Henrietta. She is about 16 months old, and came from GDB (Guide Dogs for the Blind), and is very well trained. Henrietta became a “canine buddy” because she has developed cataracts, and can’t become a “guide dog”. It sounds like they’re having a lot of fun together.**

**MEETING DAY and TIME**

**It was suggested that we try meeting on Sumday afternoon, instead of Saturday morning. We almost agreed on the fourth Sunday afternoons, from 3:30pm to 5pm, at Kristen’s office for now. BUT by the end of the meeting we had reverted back to meeting next time, on Saturday May 20, at Kristen’s office space, from 10am to noon.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**