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

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

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

**Minutes**

**Lori moved to approve the April minutes, and John seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**There was no activity in the account this month, so the balance remains at $3070.10. Lori moved to approve the April treasurer’s report, and Sally seconded the motion, and we approved the treasurer’s report.**

**\* After we pass along 50% of our Dark Café proceeds which are over the amount of $500 to the State Affiliate, we would like to use the remainder of the proceeds to help fund our members to attend the State Convention. We would then put in a request for a scholarship from the State Affiliate to fund canes and sleep shades for hosting our Dark Cafes in the future.**

**DARK CAFÉ**

**\*Our Dark Café video is complete, and there will be no additional charge for the additional editing.**

**\*We need to find a different date for our 2017 fall Dark Café, or a catering group that falls within our budget for the Oct 21 date, because Valley Catering already has a commitment for that evening. It’s looking like we may need to schedule the event on a Friday night, which will be more complicated to set up. Someone will check with Regina about the possibility of her doing the catering.**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**Oregon State Convention will be taking place in Albany, at the Phoenix Inn, on the weekend of September 15, 16, and 17. Even though this venue is local, we have been encouraged to pay for rooms and stay there, in order to be more fully involved. If we share a room, and get a bit of help from our Chapter funds, the costs shouldn’t be too much.**

**JUNE SOCIAL OUTING**

**What do we want to do for our June social outing? We really only came up with one line of possibility, which was, another birding by ear walk, and perhaps a picnic afterwards. Kristin will get in touch with Lynne, who’s friend did such a great job leading us last year, and see if she would be available to lead another birding walk. We’re looking at the fourth Saturday, which is June 24, but that date is not “set in stone”.**

**FUTURE MEETING DAY AND TIME**

**National Convention is coming up in July, so our next Chapter meeting will be in August. We will meet on the fourth Sunday afternoon, from 3:30 – 5pm, at the Beanery near the Market of Choice. We will see if that ends up being a better fit for more people’s schedules.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**