**MINUTES: Linn-Benton Chapter of the NFB - August 27, 2017**

 **The Beanery – 3:30 to 5pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

 **Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Sally Utt, Lori and Jazzy Ritter John and Carolyn Gardner (by phone)**

**Minutes**

 **Lori moved to approve the May minutes, and Arona seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

 **There was no activity in the account this month. There is around $1500 in our account. (An exact figure was not available for the meeting.) Sally moved to approve the May treasurer’s report, and Arona seconded the motion, and we approved the treasurer’s report.**

**OREGON STATE CONVENTION**

 **Oregon State Convention will be taking place in Albany, at the Phoenix Inn, on the weekend of September 15, 16, and 17.**

**\*We agreed, with a unanimous motion, that our Chapter will pay ½ of the room cost and the meal package and registration, for any member who requests it. Provided that they attend the banquet and various info meetings offered at the Convention. Transportation will be worked out as we get closer to the event.**

**\*Yearly dues, paid to the Oregon Affiliate need to be received before the start of the Convention. Only paid members may vote in elections there. John will double check to make sure our dues, which we pay in January of each year, were passed along.**

**\*Hosting Chapter**

 **We decided against creating a raffle. It was pointed out that we don’t always need to be raising money from ourselves, for ourselves. We should look for more ways to raise funds from sighted people who want to support our work.**

 **We did agree to hold a small reception for those wanting to visit and snack together on Saturday, either before or after the banquet. John and Carolyn will secure a suite, and the chapter will provide light snacks and beverages which John and Carolyn will procure for us. We will have our Dark Café video available for viewing.**

**\*We will stay in touch by email in order to finalize who is going, and how we will all get there and home.**

**DARK CAFÉ**

 **\*The revised Dark Café flyers are ready for distribution.**

 **\*We will get some pictures at State Convention for our Facebook page**

 **\*Pay Pal is up and running for this year’s ticket sales, according to Lynne**

 **\*Vivian will be coming to help out… perhaps with mobility**

 **Hillary will be helping, and 5 of Lori’s friends will be volunteering too**

 **\*Set up – We will need to set up on Thursday night.**

 **\*tablecloths – pick them up the day before from Valley Catering**

 **\*Tables from View Plus – do we need any more?**

 **\*Chairs – Kristen will figure out how many chairs to order**

 **We will plan to seat up to 50 people at tables**

 **\*Music – Jazzy volunteered to be our live pianist, but alas, we realized that we don’t have space for a piano, and the room is already humming with lively conversation. It sounds like we may have some recorded music in the background like last year.**

 **\*Stations – Mobility; Braille; Technology; Low Tech and Gadgets; Iphone**

 **Because we will be adding the Iphon station, we will be adding 1 more small room into the mix**

 **We are going to try having “tour guides”, who will travel to the various stations with their group.**

 **It sounds like Rosulian and Kelly will also be helping in the stations.**

 **We will invite Carla and Lucas to come, and maybe Carla will want to work the Iphone station.**

 **\*We will be paying for 50 canes with a scholarship from the State Affiliate**

**We will meet next on Sunday September 24, from 3:30 to 5pm, at the Beanery.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**