**MINUTES: Linn-Benton Chapter of the NFB - September 24, 2017**

 **The Beanery – 3:30 to 5pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

 **Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Sally Utt, Lori and Jazzy Ritter**

**Minutes**

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

 **We agreed to defer the Treasurer’s Report, because our treasurer was not present at the meeting. We will ask the treasurer to give a detailed account of imcome and expenditures through our account over the last 3 months, at our next chapter meeting.**

 **\*\*We will collect dues for 2017 at our next chapter meeting, in October.**

**MEETING DAY and TIME**

 **We will explore the possibility of meeting on a week night, during the 4th week of the month. We will look for a place where we can have an early dinner, and then start the meeting at around 6pm. Laughing Planet was one possibility suggested. Sally will follow up on this, to begin in November.**

 **Because of Thanksgiving, we will try and meet during the 3rd week in November.**

**STATE CONVENTION**

 **We shared our impressions of State Convention.**

**DARK CAFE**

 **At this point we have 3 corporate sponsors; 1 bronze, 1 silver; and 1 (hopefully) gold; and we’ve sold 2 individual tickets. We have a ways to go…..**

**The Affilliate has approved a grant to pay for canes and sleep shades for this event. Our 50 folding canes have arrived. They are hard to unfold… We will need to put them together and add on the glide tips at our “set up” session. They came in 3 sizes. Also, we now have all of the sleep shades we will be needing.**

**Set Up;**

 **\*We will set up our table with various information in the entrance area**

 **\*the Travel station will include info about being courteous to blind travelers like; Don’t ever grab someone’s white cane to direct them;**

 **When initiating a conversation with a blind person, say your name, and where you know them from;**

 **Describe how “sighted guide” works**

**Stations;**

 **Gadgets and Low Tech – Arona and …..**

 **Mobility – Kristen and ……**

 **Braille – Jazzy and …..**

 **\*Jazzy will braille index cards with people’s names for them**

 **High Tech – John**

 **Iphone – Carla**

 **Floater – Sally**

 **\*each station leader will give an overview of their station**

**Flow;**

 **There will be a volunteer assigned to travel with each group. They will keep track of time and gather their group together to move from station to station**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next business meeting will take place on Thursday October 19, at 6:45pm, at View Plus. Our Set Up will begin at 7pm, which is when our volunteers can arrive.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**