Linn-Benton NFB Minutes – January 4, 2018

Gardner Residence, Corvallis

Present at this gathering for pizza and annual meeting were;

Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Sally Utt, Carolyn Gardner, and John Gardner

DUES

All present paid their annual membership dues of $5.00.

ELECTIONS

Officer elections are to be held at the annual meeting. After checking in with the constitution Kristen found that the offices of President and Vice President are to be held by members who are blind.

We voted in our officers by slate, which consisted of; Kristen for President, Sally Utt for Vice President, John Gardner for Treasurer, and Sally Utt for Secretary. Kristen set this in motion, and the motion was seconded, and the four nominees were unanimously elected.

NEW MEMBERS

Our chapter is very small. We would like to find more local blind people to join up with us.

BELL ACADEMY 2018

This summer there will be two Bell Academys; one in Vancouver, Wa, and one here in Corvallis. The Bell Academy offered in Corvallis will be focused more on teenagers, and will most likely take place at View Plus, in June.

The idea of hosting “home stays”, for a small fee, for non local participants and their parents was brought up. Carolyn is a member of a group that might be interested in doing this. It was decided that this idea should be run by Carla before setting it in motion.

DARK CAFÉ

We tentetively picked October 13, 2018 as the date for our next Dark Café. This will be a “family friendly” event.

Some Ideas for Activities are;

\*some sort of technology, for example drawing a shape on the touch pad, and then using either braille or large embossed letters to read their description

\*Egg Carton Braille

\*A simple outdoor group activity; we will talk with NWABA, (Northwest Association for Blind Athletes) about what they might be able to help us with. Lend us blind friendly sports equipment, like balls that jingle, or maybe they would even send someone to lead an activity.

\*Mobility; cane travel; possible scavenger hunt

\*New name for the event; or “Family Friendly Dark Café”

\*Brown bag snack with pudding that they can “shake and make” on their own

Other Details Related to Dark Cafe

\*How many people to include in this event? This will hinge on the venue we use

\*Sponsors; Doctors, lawyers, realtors, CPAs, banks….

\*\*John will put together a blurb for us to use when contacting potential sponsors

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Utt