**Linn-Benton NFB Minutes –May/June, 2018**

 **New Morning Bakery**

**Present at this brunch / meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Lori Ritter, Jazzy Ritter, Sally Utt, Carolyn Gardner, John Gardner, Lynne Brown**

**(It turns out that this venue is extremely popular on Sunday mornings! And very noisey.)**

**MINUTES**

**There was a motion to accept the April minutes, and that motion was seconded, and the minutes were accepted.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There has been no activity in our account since the last meeting.**

**Agenda items for this meeting will be;**

**\*National Convention; who’s going**

**\*Dark Café progress**

**\*Scheduling next chapter meetings**

**\*BELL Camp**

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**BELL CAMP**

**Kristen will get a list of who’s already registered.**

**There has been very little communication back from the organizers as to how exactly our chapter can be most helpful. We don’t know how their schedule is going to go.**

**2 more possible evening activities are Music in Central Park.**

**\*The Corvallis Community Band plays on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9pm.**

**\*The Hill Top Jazz Band plays on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9pm.**

**This schedule begins the week before the BELL Camp comes to town.**

**Also, we’re still looking into swimming possibilities, and rock climbing at OSU.**

**\*Carolyn and John need to know where to schedule in some Tech teaching that has been offered.**

**DARK CAFÉ**

**We can borrow some assorted sizes of small canes from Sheila Spencer, at the Commission for the Blind in Portland. We will need to pick them up in Portland. John and Carolyn have 2 employees who live in Portland and may be willing to transport them for us.**

**Advertising**

**\*Send out the “Save the Date” flyers**

 **post on Facebook**

**send to all the email addresses that we got from our last Dark Café event**

**to Zonta**

**\* All of these addresses should be sent to Lynne who will create a spread sheet.**

**\*We will stay with Pay Pal for ticket purchase, and we will use MailChimp to send out reminders once tickets have been purchased.**

**\*We need to agree on how to get people signed up for their time slot**

**\*Kristen will send flyers out to the Corvallis and Albany school districts through their “weekly communications” links**

**\*We will invite the special ed. Teachers for the district to come and observe**

**Day of…. Planning**

**Food; light refreshments for 100 participants**

**2 cookies/ person; Cosco and /or donations**

**Buffet style**

**Arona, Sally, Kristen**

**Eating will take place at tables in the Fireplace Room**

**Need volunteers to help with the buffet**

**Have a couple of fruit and cookie choices**

**\*Have a couple of brailled menus available**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**\*We need volunteers to help with the rotations**

**\*Volunteers need to have clear instructions ahead of time. They need to know what their role is , and how it coordinates with everyone else. This should be done well ahead of the event date.**

**\*Sally will resend the meeting minutes which lists some tips we came up with for our next Dark Café event, to hopefully make things run more smoothly.**

**\*We will start a Volunteers Contact List. Lynne will hold this list, so we should send volunteer contact info to Lynne.**

**FLOW**

**50 guests will start out in the gym for introductions and an overview of who we are, what we hope to accomplish with this event, and how the rotations will work.**

**Volunteers will connect with their group, and the rotations will begin**

**\*Participants need to be reminded to arrive on time.**

**\*\*New Idea; Session 1 start at 1pm- 2:30, and Session 2, 3pm – 4:30. This would create a ½ hour space between sessions to account for group overlap, and give us a break.**

**\*We need to have portable coat racks available**

**We will have approximately 5 groups of 10 people per group.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**We agreed to meet again on the following dates;**

**\*Monday June 25 at New Morning Bakery; 6pm**

**\*Monday July 23 at New Morning Bakery; 6pm**

**\*Monday August 20 at New Morning Bakery; 6pm**

**\*\*We need to schedule another tour of the Church**

**STATE CONVENTION – 9/28, 9/29 and 9/30, in Roseburg, Or.**

**\*Parents, would you be more likely to come if childcare is provided, and paid for?**

**\*If we have any items for the agenda they should be sent to Carla.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday June 25 at New Morning Bakery, at 6pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sally Utt**