**Linn-Benton NFB Minutes – July 2018**

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at this meeting were;**

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

**MINUTES**

**The minutes for our June meeting were accepted.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There continues to be $3101.40 in our account.**

**The treasurer’s report was accepted.**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**\*This year will take place in Medford, Or. Sept 28, 29, and 30.**

**\*We agreed to use our Chapter funds to partially fund our chapter members who apply, to attend State Convention. The following is a list of what one needs to pay for;**

**2 nights in a hotel**

**Meal package**

**Registration**

**Transportation**

**\*\*We made a motion that each paid chapter member is elgible to apply to John and his committee, to have ½ of their room expenses paid by the Chapter. John made the motion, and Carolyn seconded it, and the motion was accepted.**

**HOW TO SPEND CHAPTER FUNDS**

**Beyond helping with funding to State Convention, we are beginning to think about how we would like to use our chapter funds. Members are encouraged to bring their ideas to the chapter meetings.**

**BELL CAMP**

**We asked Jazzy about her experience at BELL Camp this summer. She said she loved it, and she really liked her teacher and councilor. It sounds like she was very taken with some of the NFB sayings that Craig taught them. Some of the things she enjoyed doing were; working with technology, (for the most part); and getting to know more about how to use Victor Reader; and using VoiceOver to connect with Youtube. She also learned how to cook mac and cheese (from scratch), spaghetti, and tacos!**

**DIAL A RIDE; Policy on comfort animals?**

**We would like to find out what, if any, policy has been created pertaining to comfort animals. Apparently some of the drivers are accompanied by their comfort animals, who then are able to have seating priority in the vehicle. This means that the seating comfort of the passenger comes second to that of the animal. Also, there does not seem to be any advance warning to a passenger, who may have health issues connected to being in close proximity to the animal.**

**John will bring this matter up with Dial A Ride at their next board meeting.**

**Some things to think about with the issue of “comfort animals” are:**

**\*What is this dog skilled to do? What service does it provide?**

**\*Is the animal properly immunized?**

**\*What is the criteria for allowing a comfort animal to accompany a Dial A Ride driver while at work?**

**\*Would Dial A Ride be willing to send a couple of their people to brainstorm on this issue with us at one of our chapter meetings?**

**We will meet next on Monday August 20, at 6pm, at New Morning Bakery.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**