**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes—January 28, 2019**

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Arona Rosegold, Sally Utt, Natalie Charbonneau**

**PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE**

**Arona summarized the January Release for us as follows:**

**1.World Braille Day was officially observed for the first time, this year on January 4th..**

**2.This year’s NFB National Convention will be held in Las Vegas, July 7-13. The venue will be the Mandalay Bay Casino. Members are being encouraged to go ahead and make room reservations. Details can be found on the NFB website.**

**3.Official Membership Medallion.**

**The NFB has created a medallion, (a coin), which will be presented to all members. There is also an expectation that future members will be presented with a medallion, in a welcoming ceremony of some sort.**

**3.Aira; New plan for NFB members**

**Aira is a service which allows a blind person to have a connection with a sighted agent by way of their smart phone and a camera mounted on a pair of glasses. The agent provides visual information to the blind person as they travel based on what they see through the camera. There is a new introductory service plan available to NFB members which is the least expensive plan at this time. It is; 30 minutes of service for $20 per month.**

**4.Washington Seminar; begins Monday January 28**

**Three top priority issues will be;**

**\*The Access Technology Affordability Act**

**\*\*a bill that addresses The Greater Accessibility and Independence Through Nonvisual Access Technology**

**\*\*\*The Disability Employment Act**

**5. The Dream Makers Circle**

**This is a way for a person to express their plan to give a donation to NFB at the time of their death.**

**STATE LEVEL BUSINESS**

**\*The NFB headquarters is compiling a data base of info about each of its members. Chapter presidents have been submitting info about their members. This will mean that it will be easier to find the expertise needed to address specific situations which may arise in the various states throughout the country.**

**\*\*OREGON MEMBERS SEMINAR**

**(Saturday March 9 – Monday March 11, 2019)**

**We will be working on The Parent’s Rights Bill**

**MINUTES**

**With the correction of a few dollars to the Treasurer’s Report, the January Minutes were approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There have been 2 deposits, and 0 withdrawals since the last report. The balance is $3414.13. Sally made a motion to approve the Treasure’s Report, and Arona seconded the motion, and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.**

**DUES**

**$5 dues were collected from; Arona, Natalie, Sally, Kristen,**

**John, Carolyn**

**ELECTIONS**

**John led us in a slate election process. The results were as follows;**

**President; Kristen Jocums**

**Vice President; Natalie Charbonneau**

**Secretary; Sally Utt**

**Treasurer; John Gardner**

**\*\*We voted to have the Chapter pay for ½ of the room, and a meal package for members at the Member Seminar.**

**EXTRA!**

**A community member is interested in giving some service to blind folks locally and has contacted Kristen about possibly helping with shopping. We agreed that Kristen would schedule a time with her, and then she can report back to us on how things went, and how to proceed from there. She may not fully understand all that is entailed in “going shopping with a blind person”.**

**NEXT PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE**

**John volunteered to summarize the February Release for our next meeting.**

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**