**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes—March 25, 2019**

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

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

**STATE NEWS;**

**At this year’s Salem Seminar one of the issues decided was that Oregon will sell Tillamook Cheese again at National Convention in July. The idea of selling hazelnuts was also brought forward. And at the legislative session Carolyn and John met the representative from Albany, whose family owns a farm which grows and exports hazelnuts. She will give us a fair price for buying them raw. They will then be roasted, some salted, some coated in chocolate and sold in small packets.**

**At the Legislative Session members of NFBO met with a number of representatives and senators.**

**\*They were asked to take a stand in support of the bill which would create a statewide set of regulations for ride sharing. Right now, this would pertain to Uber and Lyft. These standards would make it easier for blind folks to get rides.**

**\*A second bill which NFB was in support of was the Workshop Bill.**

**\*\*There was a lot of conversation over “the Parents Bill of Rights”. There seems to be a lot of support for this even though the bill was not ready for the Session at this time.**

**PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE; synopsis**

**John provided us all with an attachment of a synopsis of the March Presidential Release. A summary of the Release can be found each month at;**

[**https://nfb.org/resources/publications-and-media/presidential-releases**](https://nfb.org/resources/publications-and-media/presidential-releases)

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A check for $330 was written for rooms and meals at Salem Seminar. $20 of this will be refunded, so the account balance will stand at $3,314.13. There was a motion by Arona to accept the Report, and Sally seconded this, and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.**

**MINUTES**

**Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes, and the motion was seconded, and the Minutes were accepted.**

**DARK CAFÉ**

**What shall we do next? Do we want to create another Dark Cafe this year, or take part in another sort of outreach activity?**

**We are all in agreement that we will not try to put on a Dark Café this fall. Instead we will do some sort of outreach activity. We will need to think about the time frame for this, along with a venue to carry this out. Some ideas for this to think about, so far;**

**\*Farmer’s Market**

**\*A Walk-a-thon**

**\*Corvallis Street Fair in late summer**

**\*Fall Festival**

**\*A “late evening family run”**

**\*A “Sunday afternoon in the Park” event such as an under blindfold treasure hunt**

**\*\*Our most recent Dark Café dinner event was the most successful fundraiser for us so far. Participants seem to enjoy the learning aspect, as well as the socializing that happens during this event. We will think about how we might continue with this combination in the future.**

**It is also thought that we can, and should develop a core group or sponsors.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday April 22, 2019, at 6pm, at the New Morning Bakery.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**