**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes— June 23, 2019**

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Arona Rosegold, Lori Ritter, Jazzy Ritter, Sally Utt**

**NATIONAL NFB BUSINESS**

**National Convention is coming up in July.**

**STATE BUSINESS**

**Kristen is on a small committee who have been in the process of creating and presenting information to DHS supervisors around the state about the needs and rights of blind parents, and to make it clear to them that blind parents are being discriminated against. The idea is to eventually present to all of the DHS supervisors, and then have them pass along this information to all of their employees so that everyone has the same info. It sounds like their presentations are being well received.**

**“DARK CAFÉ EVENT”**

**We discussed the idea of having the obstacle course along the sidewalk instead of in the park, but decided against this, and will continue as we originally planned…. To hold the event in Tunison Park. We will have bumpers of some sort to keep people in the course. We are thinking about providing some sort of refreshment, cookies and/or lemonade. We’ll also have some liquid level activities available. We will need to bring our sleep shades and canes. We also agreed to purchase an NFB banner from the Independence Market , using funds from our Chapter account…. Up to $50.**

**We would like to visit the park site before the event, which is Sunday August 18. Perhaps on the 4th of July.**

**Arona will get in touch with the event coordinator and hopefully be able to get us a map of the space ahead of time.**

**Kristen will contact the NWABA folks and see if they would be interested in coming down and helping out. They may also be able to supply us with something to use to define the edges of the obstacle course. Sally will see if the Osbourne Aquatic Center might have an extra lane divider in storage, which we might borrow to help define edges. Actually, Sally will wait to talk with someone at the Aquatic Center until we hear back from NWABA. We will continue to plan through email as we accumulate relative info about logistics.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**