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

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**The current balance is $3,109.13. This info wasn’t available at the time of the meeting, so there was no motion to approve them.**

**MINUTES**

**There were no minutes written up for the August meeting because the secretary lost track of her recording device, (which will resurface again soon hopefully).**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Streets Corvallis**

 **Over all, we feel that the event was well received. It provided an opportunity for more of our community to meet us and learn about the NFB, and the kids who came through had a good time. In thinking about participating in future events of this nature our thoughts were;**

**\*\* it’s good for people to have a chance to experience blindness**

**\*the braille station went well**

**\*the maze was well attended and enjoyed, but was difficult to set up because the ground was so very hard at our site.**

**Also, it was totally in the sun…. on a hot day**

**\*the pouring station would have worked fine with just one set-up**

**\*The event staff provided some volunteers for us, but it was unclear what they were there to do.**

**Over all, it was a lot of work for us, and we didn’t have the availability to go around with the volunteers that were appointed to escort us to various happenings at the event. In the future, we agreed that taking on a smaller chunk…. perhaps just the maze, or one station, which could be managed by two of us at a time, would create more flexibility for the rest of the members to visit and answer questions, and also have a chance to experience the rest of the happenings.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CROW; Corvallis Right Of Way**

**This group meets once a month, at Nearly Normals, and anyone who is interested may attend.**

**This group will set up a booth on a Saturday in the Spring, at the Corvallis Farmer’s Market and we have been invited to share the booth with them. This would be an opportunity to set out literature, and visit with people about the seriousness of safe street crossing for blind pedestrians, and the laws pertaining to this issue. We will think this offer over for a bit.**

**OREGON STATE CONBENTION; Coming Up**

**We agreed that chapter funding for Convention will be as follows;**

**\*The chapter will pay for one half a room, meal and registration for our chapter members who will attend.**

**Transportation to and from Convention**

**\*Kristen will ride up with Natalie and Alex, and ride home with Carolyn and John**

**NEXT MEETING**

**A next meeting date was not set at this meeting. Generally, our chapter meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the New Morning Bakery, at 6pm. However, once in a while, the monthly chapter meeting takes place on Saturday, late afternoon, at the State Convention. Stay tuned for an update on this.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**