**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes—October 27, 2019**

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Natalie Charbonneau (facilitated the meeting), John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Lynn Brown, Sally Utt, Ethan Liu**

**TREASURE’S REPORT**

“The previous balance in the LB Chapter checking account was $3,109.13

Expenses this month were all for NFBO State convention, attended by Kristen, Natalie, Carolyn, Alex, and John

Check written for NFBO State Convention meal expenses for all: $375.00

Expenses charged to John credit card (because the hotel would not accept checks) $337.99  (repayment authorized by Kristen, transferred from LB account to Carolyn/John account on 10/24)

Current Balance = $2,397.14”

**Sally moved to approve the report, and Lynn seconded the motion, and the Treasure’s Report was accepted.**

**MINUTES**

**Carolyn moved to approve the minutes, and Natalie seconded the motion, and the September Minutes were accepted.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**State Convention**

**Some feedback from those who attended the State Convention recently are as follows;**

**\*”Ice Breakers”, designed and led by Natalie and Kristen, made a big difference. These helped facilitate more connectedness throughout the whole group during the Convention.**

**\*More organization in planning various aspects of this Convention could be beneficial to all who attend**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chapter Vision**

**John reminded us that our bank account is getting smaller, as we haven’t substantially added to it since our last dinner Dark Café. We still have a fair amount in there, but questions arose…..**

**Firstly, is this a problem?**

**\*What do we want money in our account for?**

**\*What are our financial needs?**

**And this led to a couple more questions to consider….**

**\*What is our collective vision for our Chapter’s future?**

**\*What are people looking for when they join an NFB chapter?
Around the table, personal responses to this last query were voiced…**

**Support; Community; Opportunity to meet and spend time with other blind people; Do more things together outside of our meetings.**

**COMING UP; Events to think about which will be coming up in the Spring**

**\*Member Seminar**

**\*\*CROW Table at the Corvallis Farmer’s Market**

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL and NEW MEMBER CEREMONY**

**We are all in agreement that we would like to have a Christmas Social. We also like the idea of combining this party with a New Member Ceremony.**

 **Bring your ideas to the next meeting!**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next Chapter meeting will take place at 6pm on Monday November 25, at the New Morning Bakery.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**