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

**New Morning Bakery**

**Present at the meeting were;**

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

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**John and Carolyn have offered to host our Christmas Party again this year. A tentative date of Sunday Dec. 15 may work, but they will need to check into this a little further. If this date doesn’t work then we can try for a time between Christmas and New Years, or even in January. We just all are in agreement that we’d like to visit together outside of our usual meeting time and place!**

**MEMBER CEREMONY**

**KRISTEN will check out the status of our Chapter’s NFB Membership Coins. She will follow up on the completion of necessary paperwork for our 2 new members, and hopefully we will be ready to have a member ceremony at the time of our Party.**

**MINUTES**

**There was a motion to accept the October minutes, and the motion was seconded. The Minutes were approved**

**TREASURE’S REPORT**

**There has been an increase of $10 over the past month to our chapter account. The balance now sits at $3,119.13.**

**There was a move to approve this report, and then a second motion, and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chapter Direction; How do we see our Chapter as we go forward into the new year?**

**We are beginning to compile a list of thoughts about this;**

**\*Guest Speakers- We want to make sure to continue inviting guest to join in our monthly meetings.**

**\*A Quieter Meeting Place; The Bakery is very noisy and distracting. In particular, it’s a difficult place to welcome guests, and in general, it can be a strain to hear all that is being shared at the meetings.**

**An idea that came up was to talk with the Reynolds and see whether one of their rooms might be available for us to use once a month, or maybe just when we have a guest speaker joining us, and then continue to use the New Morning Bakery for regular meetings..**

**We hope to grow our Chapter, and being able to invite prospective members into a quieter, less distracting space would hopefully allow for more sharing of ideas.**

**\*Attracting more blind people to our meetings;**

**How to accomplish this…. One idea is to find a way to send out a mail blast from the Commission for the Blind to their roster of blind individuals in our area. The problem with this is that we can give out our contact info, but because of client confidentiality we can’t get a hold of a list of the blind individuals who might be interested in joining us. Jristen will speak with one of the board members, who may be able to send out a mailing for us.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next meeting will be at our Christmas Party. At this time, Sunday Dec 15 is the probable date for a dinner get together at John and Carolyn’s. We will keep in touch about this.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**