**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; September 26, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting; 4pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Kristen Jocums, Natalie Charbonneau, Andrea Barnhurst, Sally Utt, Arona Rosegold, and Sara Fraser. (We welcome Sara, our newest member.)**

**MINUTES**

**John moved to accept the August Minutes, and Natalie seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**The Chapter bank balance is currently $2485.14.**

**Sally moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, and Andrea seconded this motion, and the Treasurer’s Report was accepted.**

**The State Affiliate is in the process of creating a space on their website where members can pay their yearly dues.**

**OREGON STATE CONVENTION**

**This year’s state convention will be offered as a hybrid on the weekend of November 13-15. For those who want to attend in person, the hotel can accommodate up to 45 people, with room cost of $85 per night. Our Chapter will subsidize any chapter member who would like to physically attend.**

**Make sure to register to be able to vote during the Convention.**

**MASK PROJECT**

**Kristen has heard back from a county representative and our project is still a “go”, and it sounds like we will be able to distribute up to 400 facemasks and hand sanitizer, along with gloves, child masks, and face shields, upon request while those supplies last.**

**Supplies will be delivered to Kristen. They will then need packaging. We will need volunteers to deliver portions of the supplies to those who will create the packets, and then those packets will need to be delivered to Dial-A-Bus, who will be delivering the packets to those who ordered. Each packet will include 2 face masks, a hand sanitizer, and an NFB informational flyer. We haven’t come to a decision yet on the materials we will be using to package the packets. Packets may end up being a variety of sizes due to people requesting extra supplies.**

**It was also agreed that Kristen and Carolyn will manage the sign-up registry, and communication with Dial-A-Bus.**

**This project is taking a while to come together, but we are slowly making progress.**

**Andrea is finishing up creating the second flyer which will be given out to our contacts around town, letting people know about this project, and how to sign up for supplies to be delivered.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Disaster Preparedness**

**Andrea recently participated in a disaster preparedness workshop. She came away with the understanding that much of the information about how to prepare for 2 weeks in the case of a disaster is unrealistic for many people with disabilities. We need more information, more strategies, shorter lists, and smaller “to go kits”!!**

 **Oregon Lion’s Club is beginning to look into this issue, and has already come up with a few ideas to think about such as;**

**\*Preparing a list of contacts ahead of time**

**\*A lighter way to be able to carry what we need on our body**

**\*Find people in your neighborhood who would be willing to be in charge of making contact with someone nearby who has a disability, in the case of a disaster**

**Andrea will be our liaison to the Lion’s Club, and will see how our Chapter might be able to participate in getting information out in the community to people who could benefit from it.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next meeting will be on Monday October 26, at 6:30, via Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**

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**We will meet next on October 26 at 6:30, on Zoom**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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