**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; February 22 , 2021**

**Zoom Meeting; 6:30pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Andrea Barnhurst, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Sally Utt, Greg Korper**

**Disability Equity Center**

**Whathkind of partnerships going forward**

**Alison hobgood; serve mid Willamette valley community**

**Gap filling around disability services**

**Organization operate across various disavilities**

**Mission;**

**Aims to; disability justice; responding to what’s goin**

**1.Promote disability pride and culture; and at some point become a physical Center**

**2. Network and systems navigation; help with direct service navigation; function as a hub to help people get connected with the services they need**

**3. Community education and outreach**

**At present is established as to create a 501 C3 structure, and are looking into what may be needed**

**How can DEC work with us as members of the blind community?**

**MINUTES**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**January 2021 Treasurer Report**

**by John Gardner**

**“Expenditures: none**

**Deposits: $60 donation from Kristen's mother $60**

**Total last month 2,437.64**

**Present total 2,497.64**

**Notes: Jenny Wold has requested that $5 of the $50 check she gave me last month be used for dues so she can become a member. I will send the appropriate amount to NFBO treasurer Kirk Wagner, but I need to find out exactly how much it is. The percentage is a moving target at the moment.”**

**Sally moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, and Natalie seconded the motion, and the January Treasurer’s Report was approved.**

**We give a huge thank you to John Gardner for being our trusted Treasurer over the years, since our Chapter’s very first election of officers! And we welcome Andrea Barnhurst as our newly elected Treasurer.**

**MASK PROJECT**

**We have filled only 1 order so far.**

**\*Can we think of more ways to post the flyer?**

**\*Is it time for us to give Dial-A-Bus the go ahead to deliver donated boxes of face masks to various facilities?**

**We agreed to wait another month to see if requests increase through Dial-A-Bus handing out flyers to their clients**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Washington Seminar**

**\*NFB is hosting a virtual “Great Gathering In” call on Feb. 8, at 4pm.**

**\*If you are interested in participating on a call with members of Congress, or just being on a call as support for our cause, let Carla know.**

**\*Fact sheets are posted on the NFB website.**

**Salem Seminar**

**Salem Member Seminar will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 27 and 28.**

**Oregon legislative appointments will be scheduled on Monday and Tuesday, March 1 and 2nd.**

**Fact sheets will be posted soon.**

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING With RAIN**

**RAIN is the nation’s largest anti-sexual violence organization. This Spring, RAIN will begin sexual assault training for the leaders of NFB. The first trainings will be for the Board members. The second group will be for Chapter presidents.**

**Kristen is looking for an alternate member of our Chapter to represent us in case she has already been trained with the first group, as an NFB Board member.**

**DISABILITY OUTREACH CENTER**

**We are hoping to have Alison Hobgood, the founder and director of the Disability Outreach Center join us at our next chapter meeting. We agreed to have her join in at 7 or 7:30, after our check ins.**

**PAYING DUES**

**We agreed that we will each go online and pay our 2021 Chapter dues directly to the State Affiliate through the state’s website. This will give our newly elected treasurer a chance to find her way around her new office. The web address is in Kristen’s meeting invitation.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday February 22, at 6:30pm on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**