**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**

**Alison Hobgood joined us this evening to talk with us about the Disability Equity Center (DEC). This organization has been created to fill gaps around disability services in the mid Willamette Valley, and operates across various disabilities. The aim of the DEC is to;**

**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**

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

**One thing we can do is to share with Dec, legislative issues when they come up.**

**Anyone who is interested can sign up to get the Disability Justice Newslettr, or/and join the DEC listserve.**

**MINUTES**

**John moved to approve the January minutes, and Andrea seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There was no activity in the account over the past month, so the balance remains at $2,497.64.**

**Sally moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, and Gregg seconded the motion, and the Treasurer’s Report was accepted.**

**BUSINESS**

**1.Accessability of City and County Forms**

**John has found that neither the County Covid Questionnaire or the Dial-A-Ride Questionnaire are screen reader accessible. He has written a letter concerning this and sent it around to the Mayor, the County Commissioner, and maybe others. He reminds us that these things won’t change unless we speak out about these barriers to our rights.**

**2.GUEST TO CHAPTER MEETING IN APRIL**

**We agreed to invite a guest to our April meeting. This person is a nurse who works with patients who have Non 24 Disorder. She reached out to Kristen to ask if she could come and talk with us about this at our Chapter meeting In April**

**3.SALEM and MEMBERS SEMINARS**

**Salem Seminar will not be held this year, and we still do not know if there will be a Members Seminar. Keep a look out for email info about this.**

**4.MASK PROJECT**

**There has been 0 activity on the Face Mask Project. John will talk with Steve Harter again about having the Dial-A-Ride drivers pass along our flyers.**

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**