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

**Zoom Meeting; 6:30pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner,**

**Andrea Barnhurst, Natalie Charboneau, Sally Utt**

**MINUTES**

**Andrea moved to approve the October minutes, and Natalie seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurers report as of Monday, November 22, 2021

Checking Account

Starting balance: $2,580.14

Transactions:

Check to NFB of Oregon: $476.00

NFB of Oregon convention for Kristen - fees, room and food - and Andrea - fees and room

Check to Natalie: $280.00

NFB of Oregon convention fees and prizes

Transfer to John and Carolyn: $338.00

NFB of Oregon Convention fees, room and food

Ending balance: $1,486.14

Savings balance: $5.00

Treasurers report by

Andrea Barnhurst

Andrea pointed out at the meeting that the check to Natalie was actually $40 less than stated in the report, which changes the ending balance to $1,446.14.

John moved to accept the amended report, and Natalie seconded the motion, and the amended treasurer’s report for November was accepted.

PRESIDENTIAL RELEASE

We listened to the November Presidential Release

OLD BUSINESS

State Convention

We each shared a bit about our experiences at State Convention, both from an in person and virtual perspective.

FOLLOW UP AFTER SOL’S MEETING WITH US

Kristen has had some follow up since the meeting. Sol sent out 3 of his people to meet with her at a particular corner, where the configuration is particularly difficult for blind travelers to navigate. She was able to show them what the difficulty was, Apparently there are 3 or 4 designs that will be used when configuring new intersections, and they agreed that in the future they will share those designs with us. They also agreed to do at least one field trip where we can go and check out at least 1 of these designs. Having more information of various types like these, should help make us more comfortable with how to navigate our intersections around town. We hope they will follow through with us on all of this.

DIAL-A-BUS

Dial-A-Bus, (DAB) is making changes which are starting to impact ridership due to insufficient funding.

DAB’s treasurer is warning it’s board members that within a few months DAB is either going to go bankrupt, or it is going to have to cut services.

Kristen has created two letters addressing this issue to be sent out to the county commissioners. With this action the intent will be for us to be ready to start a public campaign if necessary, in order to get to the bottom of the funding issue.

Carolyn moved to pass this resolution, and Sally seconded the motion, and the resolution to send out the letters, and be ready to start a public campaign if necessary was passed.

The intent will be to send out letters the next day, (Tuesday November 23, 2021), and then begin reaching out to other groups that depend on DAB.