**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; April 24, 2023**

**Zoom Meeting; 6:30 - 8pm**

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Andrea Barnhurst, Arona Rosegold, Sally Utt, Susanne Molendorf, Jen Doren**

**MINUTES**

**Andrea moved to approve the minutes, Arona seconded the motion, and the March minutes were approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Our chapter account balance was $381.75.**

**Sally made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Arona seconded the motion and the treasurer’s report for April was accepted.**

**NFB STATE NEWS**

 **BELL ACADEMY**

**A BELL Academy training weekend is scheduled in Vancouver, Washington this coming weekend.**

 **NFB OPEN HOUSE EVENTS**

**There are 2 open house events scheduled on May 6. The first one is in Salem at 10am, and the second is in Portland at 4pm.**

**These events are being held to introduce people to the NFB, and answer questions, and hopefully build up our chapters. . Jen, Sean and Andrea will be on hand at both of the venues to share information.**

 **BELL ACADEMY**

**BELL Academy will be a residential event held at the Washington School For The Blind. July 30 – August 4.**

 **PARENTS DIVISION**

**The forming of a Parent’s Division is in process, but moving slowly.**

 **STUDENT’S DIVISION**

 **The state’s Student Division has a number of plans coming up.**

**\* They will be gathering on May 21 in Portland, for a Student Seminar. Student Division members from Washington, California and Oregon will be in attendance.**

**\*There are plans in the works for a “Movie Night” at PCC in Portland.**

**\*Members from the Student Division will also be hosting Q and A sessions at the chapter building events on May 6 in Salem and Portland.**

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

 **There is nothing new to report.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

 **SOCIAL GATHERING IN MAY**

**There is a plan in progress to have an in person event for our next chapter meeting on May 22. This will be located at 4 Spirits Distillery, and will be hosted by View Plus. They will be providing tactile coloring books that they have been working on. This will be a great way for them to get feedback on their product, and we will have a good time eating, drinking and visiting**

 **BIRDING BY EAR**

**Our birding by ear plans will need to shift from June 10, to June 17, when Karen will be available to lead us, in the morning.**

**This outing will take the place of our June chapter meeting.**

**TECH CORNER**

**We had hoped to have Nick Petersson as a guest at our chapter meeting to do some tech teaching. Currently we have not gotten word back about this from him.**

**In the meantime, if Nick agrees to work with us, we need to decide whether to schedule his time into the meeting agenda, or add his time on at the end of the meeting, at 8pm? Or perhaps schedule a separate time for this meeting..**

**And we should think about whether we even want to have a tech corner, and if so, how do people want to use it.**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**NFB 23 will be held this year in Houston, Texas, from July1 – July 26.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on July 24 at 6:30, on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**