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

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, Andrea Barnhurst, Natalie Charboneau, Suzanne and Simon Moellendorf, Sally Utt**

**MINUTES**

**Andrea made a motion to approve the minutes, Sally seconded the motion, and the April minutes were approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There have been no changes here since our last meeting so our chapter account balance has remained at $381.75.**

**We will approve an official report at our next meeting.**

**BELL ACADEMY**

**This year’s Bell Academy is a coordinated event between Washington and Oregon. It will be held at the Washington School for the Blind, from July 31- August 4, and will be a residential program There are currently 8 kids registered.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**In place of our May and June Monday evening chapter meeting we had 2 special events.**

**In May the event took place at 4 Spirits Distillery. View Plus offered us an opportunity to try out a new product of theirs. They brought along tactile coloring books that they had produced with their technology, along with braille labeled crayons for the group to work with, and give feedback on. It sounds like the group was pretty impressed!**

**The meet-up location for the June event was Willamette Park. Karen Lamerson led us on a birding by ear walk, which was also quite successful and much appreciated. We would like to make this an annual event!**

**YEARLY CALENDAR**

**We think it will be helpful for planning ahead and scheduling, to create a yearly calendar for our chapter. Sally and Natalie have offered to work on this.**

**CITY OF ALBANY**

**The city of Albany is looking for input on ideas for a sensory park they are planning. If you have thoughts on this you can pass them along to Andrea who will bring them to the committee meeting.**

**OREGON STATE CONVENTION**

**State Convention will take place on the first weekend in October at the Hilton Gardens in Eugene.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next chapter meeting will be on Monday August 28, from 6:30 to 8pm, on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**