**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; August 28, 2023**

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Andrea Barnhurst, Sally Utt, Natalie Charboneau, Grant Livingston (guest speaker), Jen Doren**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Grant Livingston is a civil engineer with the City of Corvallis, whose work primarily involves designing pedestrian ramps and flashing and audible pedestrian signals at street corners. He joined us at our meeting to get feedback from us about how well these designs are actually working for us, and is hoping to help us create a more direct connection with the city so that we can be included in the loop there when decisions are being made that effect our accessibility as blind pedestrians in Corvallis.**

**Grant has encouraged us to reach out to him if issues arise.**

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**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**John moved to accept the treasurer’s report for August, Sally seconded the motion, and the treasurer’s report was accepted.**

**CALENDAR**

**Our Calendar Committee has created a tentative meeting and event calendar which runs from now through December 2024. Natalie has been working on finding a straight forward way for us all to easily access this from the web.**

**STATE NEWS**

**\*The Student Division is currently working on getting a movie event scheduled, and will also be holding officer elections during the State Convention coming up October 6-8, in Springfield, Or.**

**\*Registration for the State Convention is up on the web.**

**At present our chapter is very low on funds so we will not offer financial help to all who will be attending. However, if one of our members wants to go but does not have adequate funds to do so, they should reach out to the board with their request.**

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

**We are in the process of reforming our fundraising committee. Natalie has offered to chair this committee going forward. Sally agreed to join, and there is room for more members to join this committee!**

**\*Tentatively we are targeting April 2024 for our next large fund raising event.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday September 25 at 6:30, on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**