**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; September 25, 2023**

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Andrea Barnhurst, Ashley Neybert, Sally Utt**

**MINUTES,,**

**Sally will make a revision to the minutes in the section about Grant Livingston, as suggested by Natalie.**

**Carolyn moved to accept the minutes with the revision. John seconded the motion, and the August minutes were approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There has been no change in the treasurer’s report from last month. We have $381.75 in our account.**

**CALENDAR**

**We now have a chapter events calendar that is tentatively filled in through 2024. Natalie has worked hard to create a format for this that is accessible, can be posted on the web, and can be interacted with in order to keep it updated.**

**FUNDRAISING**

**The fundraising committee will get started after the State Convention. By then we will have a very small bank balance, and we will need to raise funds for future spending.**

**STUDENT DIVISION**

**The Student Division is looking for more students to join, in high school and beyond. Right now they need one more student to join, in order to have the quorum needed to be an active division.**

**MEET UP AT STATE CONVENTION**

**We agreed that it will be best for us to get dinner on our own on Friday, and then meet back at John and Carolyn’s room in the evening after the convention events.**

**BLIND EQUALITY ACHIEVEMENT MONTH**

**Meet the Blind Month has been changed to Blind Equality Achievement Month. We pondered for a while over what this change is meant to be about.**

**We finally decided that this year we would recognize people in our communities that have worked with us, listening to us, and learning from us, and in doing this have helped us achieve our goal of equality in various ways.**

**View Plus will make certificates for the people that are chosen. Each member who chooses someone will write out a short explanation about why they selected their person, which will be put together and submitted in a press release**

 **NEXT MEETING**

**We will meet next on Monday October 23, at 6:30 on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**