**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; October 23, 2023**

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

**Present at the meeting were;**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Andrea Barnhurst, Natalie Charboneau, Sally Utt**

**MINUTES,,**

**John moved to accept the minutes. Carolyn seconded the motion, and the September minutes were approved.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**There was no treasurer’s report this month, but we know that our account is somewhere in the neighborhood of $0.**

**FUNDRAISING**

**DARK CAFE**

**In planning this next Dark Café event we’ve realized that there are a few major differences in the way we move forward with the event, but after much discussion we have tentatively agreed to proceed with a Hawaiian themed event. Natalie has proposed that we name the event “Lights Out Luau”. We are still looking at a couple of venue possibilities, and a caterer for a Hawaiian cuisine. Sunday evening, April 28 is our first choice for a date, and we are currently leaning toward the Corvallis Community Center ballroom as our space. We would have the use of the kitchen which is attached to the ballroom as well.**

**John and Carolyn have graciously offered to front the deposit for a venue. Depending on who does the catering, we may need to rent tablecloths and tableware. We will need a solid crew of volunteers in order to make the event a success. .**

**SEE’S CANDIES**

**It was proposed by Natalie that we take part in a seasonal See’s Candies fundraiser during this upcoming holiday season. Hopefully we would be able to raise money quickly, which we can then sink into supplies for our Dark Café event.**

**We would create a site on the See’s website for our chapter, and send out the link to everybody! The seasons are short and this one runs from early November through early December. Natalie will set up the site for us.**

**BLINDNESS EQUALITY ACHIEVEMENT MONTH**

**In recognition of “Blind Equality Achievement Month chapter members made their certificate presentations. People receiving this recognition were surprised, but everyone was pleased to be acknowledged and thanked for their partnership with us as blind individuals.**

**DAB**

**A new County Administrator has been hired, and hopefully some positive changes will be coming for DAB.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Our next meeting will be on Monday December 11, at 6:30 on Zoom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**