**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; March 25, 2024**

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

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

**Kristen Jocums, John Gardner, Carolyn Gardner, Arona Rosegold, Shawn Doren, Jen Doren, Andrea Barnhurst, Sally Utt, Joy Relten**

**NEW SENIOR DIVISION?**

**Joy Relten, Rose City and State Board Member, joined our meeting to talk with us about the creating of a Senior division in Oregon, and some of the ways this division could be useful. We could begin to identify and connect with seniors in our communities who are dealing with vision loss and let them know about resources that are available and help them learn about some of the adaptations they might choose to make in order to complete daily tasks more easily. The hope is that these seniors would be interested in joining the Seniors Division, and be part of an ongoing group that would network and problem solve, and get to know each other.**

MINUTES

Andrea moved to approve the January and February minutes. Arona seconded the motion, and both sets of minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

“Account Beginning balance: $381.75

Savings account balance: $5.00

Check # 1025 - $180.00

NFBO Convention

Deposits

\*\* $50.00 - Donation

\*\* $10.00 - Gardner Dues

\*\*$164.60 - See’s Candy Fundraiser

\*\*$5.00 - Kristen dues

\*\*$15.00 - Donation

\*\*$300.00 - sponsor

\*\* $4.85 - membership dues from paypal… Natalie?

\*\* $25.00 - Andrea, Arona, Sally, Alex, and Lynne Dues

Ending Balance: $776.20

Treasurer’s Report reported by Andrea Barnhurst as of March 24, 2024”

Sally moved to accept the March treasurer’s report and Jen seconded the motion, and the treasurer’s report was approved.

DAB

The DAB board has voted to start using the old scheduling software, and they are in the process of this changeover.

STIF

The STIF (Special Transportation

Improvement Fund) Committee met this morning, and again Kristen brought up the need for the creation of a work group to more thoroughly look into, and meet the needs of the disabled riders and seniors who are trying to use the county’s paratransit system. Much of the Committee seemed to think a work group was needed, but as yet there has not been a consensus as to how to get this going. But, the issue got more support at this meeting than the previous one.

DARK CAFÉ LIGHTS OUT LUAU

We have one more chapter meeting before the event!

\*Everyone needs to look over the tasks that they’ve been assigned to during the event and let Kristen know that they understand and accept them.

\*We are in the process of finding out if we can extend tickets beyond April 10. The caterer will allow us a few more days until we submit the meal count but we are still waiting on Special Occasions reply. So far 12 tickets have been purchased on the web, and 1 sponsor has been added there as well.

We will not be having volunteers from the Zonta club, so we needed to rethink our volunteer needs.

\*We need to work out where to give guests their tactile books from View Plus to take home.

\*Ben Fox, a blind well known cinematographer that John knows may be in town during our event. If he comes to the luau, how might we want to present him? Perhaps displaying some of his AI generated works of art.

John will extend an invitation to him.

UPCOMING EVENT: Birding By Ear

Our “birding by ear” outing has been rescheduled to Saturday May 11, 9 to 11am.

NEXT MEETING

We will meet next on Monday April 22 at 6:30pm, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Utt