**Linn-Benton Chapter Minutes; August 26, 2024**

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

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

**Kristen Jocums, Ashley Neybert, Andrea Barnhurst, Jen Doren, Stephanie McGary, Sally Utt**

**MINUTES**

**Andrea moved to accept the June minutes, Ashley seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**\*Treasurers Report as of 8/25/2024**

**Checking Account**

 **Starting Balance as of 3/24/2024 - $776.20**

**Checks**

**\*\* $ 855.34 - #1026 - Carolyn Cardner - Dark Cafe**

**Deposits:**

**\*\* $100.00**

**\*\* $1,000 - OSU - Dark Cafe**

**\*\* $100.00**

**\*\* $150.00**

**\*\* $500.00 -**

**\*\* $ 100.00**

**\*\* $ 350.00 - Dark Cafe**

**\*\* $ 320.00 - Dark Cafe**

**\*\* $ 300.00 - Dark Cafe - OSU**

**\*\* $ 145.00 - Wine Fundraiser**

**\*\* $ 738.80 - Dark Cafe - NFBO**

**Ending Balance as of 8/25/2024 - $ 3,724.66**

**Savings Account Balance $ 5.00**

**Reported by Andrea Barnhurst\***

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

**STIF**

**The committee voted to create a work group of volunteers however, this group wasn’t given any authority by the County, which would make the group members feel like their findings wouldn’t have much bearing on the County’s positioning when it might mean making some changes with regards to individuals with disabilities use of the para transit system.**

**BELL ACADEMY**

**This summer BELL Academy was a residential experience which took place at the Washington School for the Blind. Eight kids aged 7 through 13showed up for the week along with a large number of volunteers. There were lots of activities, including teaching mobility skills, and going on a field trip to OMSI.**

**GUEST APPEARANCE**

**Stephanie McGary joined our meeting to let us know that Carla will be stepping down from her position as State Affiliate President, and that elections to fill that position will be held at our state convention , in October. Stephanie is hoping to be elected, and looking for our support. As president she will work to increase membership, and the inclusion of more members. She wants to get started with this by creating an At Large Chapter, and revitalizing chapters in Oregon which need more support to get up and running again.**

**BEAM: (Blindness Equality Awareness Month); October**

**We agreed to use the same format to recognize**

**people who, through their awareness and understanding help us to live more independent and fulfilled lives.**

**We will honor these people with a certificate, signed by the Chapter president and the person who nominated them. We will each add a short description about how they helped, and when we present their certificate to them we will have a photo of the giving transfer.**

**Hopefully we will get help with the certificates from View Plus again this year.**

**STATE CONVENTION; Door Prizes and Auction Items**

**State Convention is approaching so we need to figure out what we want to do for door prizes, and auction offerings. When approaching a business for a donation, it is usually necessary to have a letter from the state affiliate which confirms our tax status.**

**\*Kristen will email the letter to members who need it in order to get donations for the auction.**

**We will decide at our next meeting how we want to handle the door prizes. Do we want to give gift cards, or cash, or some smaller gift cards and one larger envelope of cash, or one large envelope of cash at the end of the convention, or something else?**

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Utt**