

Minutes 12-8-2021
North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met in the big room of the Mason City Public Library and also Zoomed virtually on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Diane Murphy, Erica McBride, and April Concepcion. Dede Maloy and Jane Ginapp joined via Zoom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

November 10 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Erica. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance remains at \$8,388.96. No changes from last month.

Website and Facebook update: Website is seeing agenda and minutes updates. FB page has some activity with some Diversity pages but no activity with a NIDAT update. It was mentioned the website lists the lunch as an upcoming event, Diane will look into it and remove it.

Art/Writing Contest

Erica has sent the contest documents to Mara and Dalilah to be run with NIACC's marketing.

December 13th is the target date to roll out advertising the art and writing contest.

Dede indicated she makes rounds to different schools and would be happy to drop off posters and materials to help advertise the contests. She will send out a separate e-mail to the group to list these schools to help Erica and Diane on putting together the packets.

Old Business -

Iowa Council of Native American Affairs – The School Board discussed this issue in a public meeting and the group is comfortable with the direction this is moving. There is an opposing view among the members of the community and would like to reverse the course and keep the Mohawks name.

Immigrant Population Welcome Initiative: No update.

LSI: No update.

MLK and Christian Unity Day: No update.

Ethnic Lunch -Bill checked with Jane how early to contact vendors to save a date. Over the past years, planning for the lunch was done after the Art and Writing Contest. This is to focus on one event, and shift gears once the contest is concluded. Bill might still want an early start planning the ethnic lunch for 2022. The central park businesses that the lunch event draws from; most of their buildings are currently empty. There is less local businesses to count on the organic population that we count of for lunch at the park.

It was suggested that Bill will check with Emily, at Main Street, to gauge when the Ethnic lunch might have a good fit with the calendar of events. It has been discussed before to visit a change of schedule; have the lunch on a different day vs. the third Friday of September.

New Business - no new business was presented.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by April and seconded by Jane. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion