

MINUTES October 14, 2020

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Those in attendance were Jane Ginapp, Diane Murphy, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Jack Gannett and April Concepcion.

Jane called the meeting to order at 4:44 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

September 9 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Pastor LeAnne made the second motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No change from last month's balance of \$9,161.89.

Website and Facebook update: Agenda and minutes are being posted in the NIDAT website to update members who aren't present in the virtual meetings.

Pastor LeAnne Neighborhood Historical Facts:

There is now a Facebook page for contributing photos of houses on the north-end or other areas for the Historical Facts: <https://www.facebook.com/rivercityethnicleborwalk>

Art/Writing Contest

Katie was not in attendance but she sent an e-mail to the group: about NIACC planning on having the Art/Writing contest with entities being submitted online. Katie will continue to act as liaison and keep this committee updated.

Old Business

St. John -

Rev. LeAnne is the go-between volunteer with NIDAT on the St. John's Baptist Church Restoration, it was reiterated from the e-mail sent to the group that there is now a conflict as far as community participation. She will step down from being volunteer/liasion with this church restoration project. NIDAT's participation/support moving forward is on hold.

Amistad -

In the same e-mail, she mentions the page for Amistad Cultural Association:

<https://www.facebook.com/Amistad-Cultural-Association-Mason-City-IA-580665359281966>

Eat-Week -

A virtual ethnic lunch in Facebook as an event was discussed for "Eat-Week". Diane will touch-base with Emily to highlight area businesses in lieu of not having this year's lunch at the park and to help encourage local businesses to thrive. It could be a simple mention where to eat or reviews on the experience of having eaten there.

New Business – Pastor LeAnne

Made contact with pastor of the New Beginnings Apostolic Church, now re-established on 12th NE, across from the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church. They had moved out when the building was for sale, and one of the other buyers was planning to convert it to a private residence; the congregation of New Beginnings Apostolic Church was able to buy it and are doing renovation downstairs.

Pastor LeAnne mentioned the school district matter, about a teacher had asked that the administrative building be named in honor of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, the white woman suffragist (article recently in the Globe about this). Some members were going to do some

reading on the history of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt. There is always the negative/unsavory facts that come out when naming a building to an individual.

Pastor LeAnne also checked with the school district if there are any existing programs for addressing opportunity gaps for Black or Brown-skinned youth.

There was a mention of low attendance with the members and maybe explore a change in time. This could have been mistaken for trying to get a hold of other members who did not say about a schedule conflict and were not available via Zoom.

The meeting was called to adjourn by Jane and motion was made by her and seconded by Jack. Motion passed and we ended at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
April Concepcion