

Minutes January 13, 2021

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Diane Murphy, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Jack Gannett, Stacy Heinselman and April Concepcion. Bill called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

November 11 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept and approve the minutes with the correction made by Bill that the bylaws states; that a member can't serve more than 2 TERMS and each term is 2 YEARS. Rev. LeAnne made the second motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer report; Diane is locked out of the online bank account. Balance should be the same since we have not spent any money. Current balance reported in last November's minutes is \$9,161.89.

Website and Facebook update:

FB – Diane will contact Emily for a Facebook meeting.

Website - The agenda and minutes are being posted in the NIDAT website to update members who aren't present in the virtual meetings.

Art/Writing Contest

Katie was not in attendance but sent an e-mail on progress planning with Mara at NIACC, Nothing firm as far as a way for submissions and judges being able to get to these entries. NIACC Marketing's schedule will have to be followed for the media advertising and as a vehicle to receive and judge entries with where we are in the pandemic and students may still be in virtual/hybrid classroom.

Some target dates: Submission deadline could be March 21st or 28th. May 16th or 23rd for Awards ceremony may be doable. Would still depend on Marketing's schedule.

Due to Katie's schedule, Bill has volunteered to be the contact person for NIDAT with NIACC. Bill will make contact with Katie to be brought up with current information.

Old Business

1. Neighborhood history – has subsided efforts from the group. That is OK given where we are in the season and covid-19.
2. St. John's Baptist Church Restoration – Rev. LeAnne is moving away from volunteering. She is the go-between volunteer with NIDAT. She has some ideas like 501C3 and funding from local contractors to keep the project going. There is a conflict as far as community participation from owners that impedes moving forward with assisting in the restoration.

MLK Jr. Day – Jack suggested to have a brief mention of the MLK Jr. Day in NIDAT's website or FB page. Without opportunities to volunteer, he feels the observance of this holiday needs support from the group. Diane will put something on the NIDAT FB calendar. The website is challenging to add content into.

Funding/Grants – Jack asked on the group's status as far as funds and keeping contact with the funding sources. Bill believes Dan is on top of the grant writing if needed. NIDAT have enough funds for the contest prizes and if it will be safe to do the ethnic lunch.

New Business – none.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Jack and seconded by Rev. LeAnne. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:14 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion