

To the Friends of the North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Mara Ouverson and Dalila Sajadian with NIACC, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Stacy Heinselman, Dan Gapinski and April Concepcion.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

January 13 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Erica made the second motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$9,161.89. Diane is now able to log in to the online bank account.

Website and Facebook update:

FB – Emily missed the scheduled meeting with Diane. Diane will reschedule their 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

Mara and Dalila from NIACC, were in attendance. Dan was able to join the meeting and gave a summary of how the contest was previously done. Mara asked Dan to send her an agenda of how to turn the contest into a virtual setting to help with the undertaking.

Submission: March 28 – deadline of entries. All entries must be submitted electronically.

Flier: One was produced and ready from 2020 before the pandemic canceled the contest. Some pertinent information will need to be changed and then it is ready to get sent out to superintendents and teachers to reach the students. Contact information for any questions will have Diane's cell number and Mara's office number to answer any inquiries. Bill, Erica and Diane will see Mara's proof of the flier before it gets sent out.

The flier contains a link for the power point presentation that was produced by Katie and a student. It contains a lot of information for teachers to engage their students to participate in the contest.

Book: Historically a book was published as a collection of all the entries received. NIACC is willing to produce this as an e-magazine. A link will be provided

Ceremony: Mara and Dalila will have to check if a face-to-face ceremony can be done in NIACC. A virtual ceremony is being considered. Dan's description of how the ceremony agenda and how it unfolds will help the planning of a virtual award ceremony. The date will be after NIACC's Commencement. This could be in late April or in mid-May.

Pictures of students may have a privacy issue being displayed. Names of participants would be read to acknowledge their work.

Judges: Need collaboration with NIDAT on coming up with judges. NIACC could involve teachers, international students, community artist as judges.

New Business – Ethnic Lunch at the Park

Emily with Main Street touched base with Diane to lock in dates to reserve Park's resources for Ethnic Lunch plans. She also referred Peggy Bang with Wright on the Park to Diane to see if a

date change would be acceptable to partner the Lunch with Historic Park Inn's 10th-year anniversary of its restoration. Emily has secured the park for us to use as she has done for NIDAT in the past.

September 10th is a Friday, and the typical Ethnic Lunch has been scheduled on the third Friday of September. There was a survey done previously to check with food vendors and the date does not impact participation. There is success when the lunch is partnered with an event downtown like the River City Days that the lunch complimented. Weather is also another factor with outdoor food vending and can greatly impact foot traffic in downtown.

Bill has contacted Dan at CG Public Health as feel on feasibility of having an outdoor food sales. The pandemic and the Governor's proclamation can change the planning of the event. NIDAT will move forward with the planning of the lunch event and will decide how to proceed when information that affects the safety of the organizers and the public is made available closer to the event date.

As a reminder for other members who have been wanting to attend the virtual meeting by Zoom, there is a call-in number and pass code available. You are able to call in and can participate without internet, phone charges will vary.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by Dan. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion