

To the Friends of the North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team:

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Mara Ouverson, Stacy Heinselman, Jack Gannett, Emily Ginneberge and April Concepcion.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

**February 10 minutes:** LeAnne made the motion to accept and approve the minutes as written and seconded by Jack. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$9161.89 for end of February, there was no activity in February.

**Website and Facebook update:** FB – no update.

### **Art/Writing Contest**

We had a discussion about the Art and Writing contest. As of this date we had just one submission. It was decided to send an update to the original list asking for some potential numbers so we can proceed with plans. Several members will take fliers to area day cares and youth programs in the following week while Mason City is on Spring Break. Make a note that next year we need to include an RSVP for interest on the first mailing.

### **Ethnic Lunch at the Park**

Back to September 17<sup>th</sup> for the ethnic lunch date. Partnership with Historic Park Inn will not go forward. Emily with Main Street has secured the park for us to use to this new date for NIDAT. In the planning for this event, NIDAT would like to hear from vendors on their commitment. There are some spring/summer event being planned and on track like the car show. Bill requested a contact list for vendors. April will check who are in the e-mail distribution list and compare that to the 2019 Thank You notes that was sent out when the event concluded. Emily mentioned that the Park Board will determine Covid-19 cases how the event can proceed or be canceled due to health concerns.

**New Business** – NIDAT to partner with SBA (Small Business Administration)? A question was posed if NIDAT can partner with SBA. It was discussed that NIACC and Pappajohn are the kind of organizations/structures that are already in place as a partner for SBA. Example is NIACC has information on SBA and resources for those interested. NIDAT does not have the capability or means to be a partner.

Opportunities to offer – send an invitation to Tim Putnam with SBA to have a table at ethnic lunch. Collaboration with Emily when there is an opportunity.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by LeAnne and seconded by Jack. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Concepcion