

NIDAT Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, April 12, 2021. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Mara Ouerson and April Concepcion.

Erica called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

March 10 minutes: April made the motion to accept and approve the minutes as written and seconded by LeAnne. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$9161.89. Same from March, there was no activity.

Website and Facebook update: FB – no update.

Art/Writing Contest

Discussed Dan resigning and the need to get someone familiar with grant writing to help. We have enough money for the contest and lunch but need to look at it after. May need to compile a list of previous grants and their dates.

One of the judges had submitted the judging form and Ericka was going to email a reminder to the other judges with a goal for them to be returned by April 19. Dan is talking to Mara about how the ceremony went in the past. We need to send a letter to all participants, and I was going to pull previous letters to write the new ones. Still not sure of the timing of the virtual ceremony or the "booklet".

Ethnic Lunch at the Park

Bill reached out to the previous years' vendors to get a feel of how they might commit to the Ethnic Lunch, if it were to go ahead as planned for September 17th. Bill has the tentative deadline of collecting responses 6-weeks before the event in early August. This is to get a number of participating vendors confirmed, licenses turned in with CG Public Health and planning how to spread the vendors in their spots. He is working on getting the packet together to send out. Erica and Diane will get to proof these before they are sent out to the prospective vendors. He will pay a visit with Bethlehem to find out a good contact for the church.

New Business – members leaving the group

Dan Gapinski with Principal has resigned with NIDAT. He has been instrumental with the grant writing for funding to operate programs. He also has procured prizes given out during Police Night Out. Diane has reached out to her Kiwanis group for storage space for NIDAT.

Steven Faulkner – IVS also sent a note to be taken off the e-mail list. Bill will reach out to Steven's replacement to add their e-mail for NIDAT communication.

Erica called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by LeAnne. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion with Diane's notes