

To the Friends of the North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team:

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met in the big room of the Mason City Public Library and also zoomed virtually on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Dede Maloy (Zoom) and April Concepcion.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

**June 9 minutes:** April made the motion to accept and approve the minutes as written and seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane gave the Treasurer's report with the beginning balance at \$9,161.89. Expenses/checks for the Art and Writing contest deducted \$501.12 for the month of June. As of June 30, the balance on the account is \$8660.77. Erica made the motion to accept the activity on the balance and April seconded. The motion passed.

**Website and Facebook update:** FB – no update. Diane is going to place some tidbits on the page to get some activity on it. The website is updated with the minutes and the agenda monthly.

### **Art/Writing Contest**

Checks and certificates were sent out, those are the expense are reflected on the treasurer's report. A total of 10 participants; with 6 of them having submitted content that will be put together as a virtual presentation of the contest.

The person working on the video is moving forward and will have a draft ready for approval soon. Content from Amanda Ragan, Dan Gapinski and Mara Ouverson were received and will be worked on this presentation draft. Once the YouTube video is ready, a link will be added in the NIDAT FB page to broaden the reach of sharing and advertising this year's contest. Other contents to check are the Thank-You's with the sponsors and judges, who were invaluable to making this event move forward despite the challenges.

### **Old Business -**

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

Bill has the packet of vendor license and Food Safety information readied for when contacts confirm their participation to sell food. There were some vendors who have made the decision to opt out. Bill will send a note to check the decision of the remaining vendors he has not heard from, who have not confirmed their decision. He will ask for their response to participate or not, and see if there are recommendations to take their place.

Members went through some of the punch-list items:

- Vendor commitment – Bill needs it by August 9<sup>th</sup>. Only 3 vendors have confirmed as of this meeting. Bill will go through food vendor recommendation as he gets them.
- Check with Emily – park tables, trash bins, barricades, spider boxes and canopy tent for NIDAT booth for selling tokens.
- Tables to rent – how many will be determined by the number of food vendors and cultural displays will be needed.
- Cultural Displays – Bill and Erica will check with members/contacts if they are interested to have displays.
- Tokens – Diane will check on the tokens.

**New Business -**

**National Night Out – Mason City Event Center in Downtown from 5-8 p.m.**

Diane and Bill will respond to the invitation to set-up a table for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will represent NIDAT and advertise the upcoming event for Lunch at the Park. The plan is to use some of the give-away items and check its inventory since there hasn't been an event to put these out. Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by Erica. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Concepcion