

## NIDAT Minutes February 12, 2020

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library's large group study room on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Those in attendance were Dan Gapinski, Jane Ginapp, April Concepcion, Katie Kohler and Erica McBride.

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

Minutes from 1-8: Dan made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Katie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No Treasurer's Report.

No Website and Facebook update.

Art/Writing Contest:

Katie reached out with NIACC and was able to visit with Mara Ouverson who was interested with the partnership/sponsorship from NIACC and NIDAT with the Art and Writing contest. There will be a vote on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Board.

Action plan:

- Katie would like an answer on March 4<sup>th</sup>, if we can proceed with NIACC as a partner. This extends reach to 8-counties to be tapped by e-mail for invitation to participate in the contest.
- Hoping to have the OK to push for announcements to go out during the first part of April. NIACC Marketing department would be a partner to advertise the contest.
- Looking at May to schedule the award ceremony to take place. Will need a room reserved with NIACC for judges to look at the submissions and judge the work.
- If Beem Center is available for the award ceremony, explore the Saturday/Sunday afternoon for after-activities on a weekend and have more attendees come. This would avoid weekend schedule conflicts if being planned later/afternoon.
- Graduation on May 1<sup>st</sup> – may lose graduates as attendees. We would still have the remaining non-graduates in the award ceremony.

Use of Grant fund for Ethnic Lunch:

Dan bought supplies from Oriental Trading. New products now feature diversity items: pencil, pins, rubber bracelets and dog tags. These will be given as prizes for the NIDAT table during Ethnic Lunch in September.

Special Events after Art and Writing contest:

- Ethnic Lunch preparations

Jane called the meeting to adjourn. Dan made a motion, this was seconded by Erica. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Concepcion