

North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team Minutes

January 11, 2020

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library's large group study room on Wednesday, January 11, 2020. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Dan Gapinski, Jane Ginapp, April Concepcion, Diane Murphy and Emily Ginneberge.

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

Minutes from 12-11: Dan made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane reported that the bank balance remains at \$9,634.29. No deposits or bank charges to change the balance from last month.

Website and Facebook update:

Diane has continued to upload the agenda and minutes in the NIDAT site. Diane and Emily are waiting for content to add for the Art and Writing contest to the website and Facebook page. There may be other national diversity pages that can be linked to the FB page.

Ethnic Lunch Survey:

A total of four vendors replied to the short, 8-question Survey Monkey survey. The questions generated good feedback from the response: on the token use, media advertising and concerns on weather when there is no alternative date/location in case of bad weather. The group have valuable information for planning the 2020 Ethnic Lunch.

Art/Writing Contest:

No update from Katie who was working with NIACC to confirm the Beem Center. If there isn't any progress to move the contest forward, the Farrer Grant of \$500 will be returned. Emily may be able to find an alternative event to put the money into good use. This will be checked if criteria for the grant still meets it.

Bill will reach out to Katie to find out more on what has been decided by NIACC to host the contest.

Grant status:

No update.

New business:

There will be no fall festival being planned for 2020. Ethnic Lunch is being planned for September 18, 2020.

Events to look forward to in 2020 are RAGBRAI announcement – Mason City bid as a host City; Classic Car Show, and Friday Night Live.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Dan made a motion, this was seconded by Jane. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion