

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library's Foundation Room on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Those in attendance were Dan Gapinski, Jane Ginapp, Kathie Koehler, April Concepcion, Emily Ginneberge and Jack Gannett .

Jane called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

There was no Treasurer's report. Merle Brockshus is going inactive as Treasurer. The group has accepted Diane Murphy volunteering to serve into the position and was unanimously voted to be Treasurer.

The June minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction that monies appropriated for over the 13K funding will be partially used for the Downtown Diversity Celebration. The correction was passed and Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Contest: Katie will look at the calendar and present dates that would work for Art and Writing contest that would not be in conflict with with school activities/events. Still looking at a Thursday in March 2020.

No website update.

Police Night Out on August 6th: Waiting for confirmation after the form has been submitted. Will be held in the All Seasons Building, set up time is at 4:30, a hour-hour before start at 5 p.m., until 8 p.m. Dan will fill out the form and get it sent in. Dan and Katie plan to man the booth.

Volunteer Fair on September 24th: Waiting for confirmation after the form has been submitted. Dan plans to work the NIDAT table. He will confirm his schedule next month, should his availability change.

Cultural Designation and Iowa Great Places have been given as designations for Mason City. More will be presented by Emily in August.

Committee Reports: Dan's grant progress report is the same from the last meeting. The status remains that the application has been received.

Ethnic Lunch (scheduled for Sept. 20th) update:

There is a low count of confirmed food vendors vs. the count from invitations sent by Jane. Emily will get Jane some more contacts from Friday Night Live.

Diversity award nominations for Individual and Corporation will need to be voted on for August 14th meeting.

The winner of the first ever Best Food Vendor from the ethnic lunch by participant-vote may receive a trophy, pending cost-analysis, to encourage participation from all attendees at the park. The group will explore how to track and collect the votes to get a result quickly.

Jack volunteered to take pictures to commemorate the event.

Dan will plans to look for weights for our banners.

Dan made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Emily. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Concepcion