

NIDAT Minutes  
July 8, 2020

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met virtually using Zoom on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Jane Ginapp, Diane Murphy, Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Pam Johnson, Ashley Heffern and April Concepcion.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

March 3-11 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Jane made the second motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No change from ending balance in March \$9,264.71.

Website and Facebook update: No update, no recent meeting took place.

Ethnic Lunch: The group discussed the feasibility of hosting the event with Main Street Mason City on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The major reasons to consider canceling were: the number of positive cases rising, the lack of students from Ashley's group to volunteer and participate in displays, the challenge of getting other students to assist with organizing and the uncertainty of the pandemic and risk factors without some insurance/waivers to the vendors.

Grant money should be OK to be used for next year with the challenge of activities and events hampered by the virus for this year's planned events.

Motion to cancel was made by Rev. Le Anne and seconded by Jane. The motion to cancel the Ethnic Lunch at the Park 2020 passed.

New Business:

Rev. Le Anne Clausen de Montes' idea for immigration/historical facts about neighborhoods in Mason City, from March's meeting was revisited. Some sources of information like the public library is limiting access. Local contacts were mentioned to keep brainstorming how markers can be placed, areas of interest to be identified - like streets or particular neighborhoods with high immigrant populations.

Facebook could be a vehicle to pool ideas or dialogue to get collaboration from the residents with knowledge and input to share.

The St. John's Baptist Church restoration project is on hold.

Rev. Le Anne is going to invite people from the Historical Commission to attend the August meeting. NIDAT will be able to determine its role to play in these projects.

Meeting was called to adjourn by Bill and motion was made by Rev. Le Anne and seconded by April. Motion passed and meeting ended at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

April Concepcion