

## NIDAT Minutes March 11, 2020

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library's large group study room on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Jane Ginapp, April Concepcion, Katie Kohler, Diane Murphy, and Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

Minutes from 2-12: Katie made the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance \$9,634.29 less the expense from Oriental Trading for prizes of \$369.58 purchased by Dan, the ending balance is \$9,264.71.

### Website and Facebook update:

There is no update but will upload Art and Writing Contest content once these are sent to Diane.

### Art/Writing Contest:

Katie was invited to NIACC's meeting to talk about the partnership between NIDAT and the community college with the Art and Writing contest. Roles on who is doing what has been discussed during Katie's presentation. She brought in an example of a compiled book of art submission and a slide show to enhance the visualization of the contest with NIACC. With the involvement of the marketing department, a media poster of the contest has been sent to the schools in the 8-county area, last March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Summary:

- Contest deadline is March 26<sup>th</sup>, a Thursday.
- Awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4. NIACC has the event scheduled, with a floating venue.
- Judges – Katie will confirm who will be the judges and judging date. The dates in mind could be sometime on April 6-10. There is a room in mind to be used for judging.
- With the judging date set, Control Print will need a 2-week print date to get the books ready by April 26<sup>th</sup>. The time allotted to get the submissions collect, judged, packaged and sent to print it is feasible.
- Katie may have a contact point for a Girl Scout troop leader to do a color guard during awards ceremony.
- The music may be with the Jazz band, or NIACC or with the high school depending on availability/schedule. Katie will contact these groups to find out who will provide music during the award ceremony.

- There are contacts from the alternative school and Middle School art teachers who would like details on the contest for their students to participate.
- Katie will contact Amanda Ragan, Sharon Steckman and Mayor Bill Schickel to invite them to attend the awards ceremony.
- Media blast to NIDAT website, FB page and an ad with the Globe Gazette will need to be put out for more exposure.

**April NIDAT meeting is going to focus on assigning tasks and roles during the April 26<sup>th</sup> Award Ceremony. Members are asked to attend if they are available to make sure all of our checklists are covered.**

Ethnic Lunch:

Bill will visit with Cerro Gordo Public Health to check what are new for rules/policies on holding a food event and obtaining a license for vendors.

New Business:

Pastor LeAnne Clausen de Montes was in attendance and brought in a new idea she would like some contact persons to get a dialogue started. She is interested with origin stories of neighborhoods, putting up historical markers around the community to highlight its history. The group gave her contacts she can start conversations with and has brought in a segue for a new item that can be expand NIDAT's efforts to embrace diversity.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Katie made a motion, this was seconded by Jane. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Concepcion