

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Those in attendance were Dan Gapinski, Bill Orozco, Ashley Heffern, Jane Ginapp and April Concepcion. Bill called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum. The April minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New officers were elected at the March 13th meeting, Bill Orozco and Jane Ginapp (co-chairs), April Concepcion (Secretary), Merle Brockshus (Treasurer). Merle (as the newly elected treasurer) contacted the First Citizens Bank regarding the transfer of NIDAT's checking account and found that it was necessary for one of the co-chairs to be added to the account as an alternate signer. This was also discussed and approved at the May 8th meeting. Bill or Jane will meet with Merle on May 10th to take care of this.

Dan has submitted the grant application for the Farrer Grant. Dan has also been made aware of possible changes to the Principal grant process. These changes must be resolved before he can complete the application.

A policy for the use of NIDAT's equipment was discussed (e.g. Plinko game). Dan will put together a draft of a policy that will include the following:

- *Use of equipment only available to NIDAT member who must be responsible for care, custody and control
- *one week time frame after event for the equipment to be returned
- *non-profit entity
- *event must have a diversity connection
- *damage clause if member borrows for non-NIDAT event

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

The food vendor packets have been prepared and are being personally delivered this year. Bill and Jane met with the Dept. of Public Health – the food license is now longer to provide more detail for each menu item and the cost has increased from \$33.50 to \$50.00.

Information has also been prepared for the cultural displays.

Dan will order more token trays and 500 more tokens. Vendors will still need to provide a container with a slot for customers to drop in the tokens.

Dan will also look for weights for our banners.

It was decided not to use tablecloths for the picnic tables.

Dan will contact Cucho for the ethnic music part of the event. We may offer him \$300 this year and also advertise that he would be coming back “due to popular demand.”

The Alternative High School students who help with the set-up and tear-down will each be given \$10 in tokens. Ashley Heffern suggested we check out a new food truck (Papooses?) that sells ethnic food (San Salvador). She will find the phone number.

It was suggested to have a contest for “best food vendor”. The prize could be a small plaque of some kind. The voting could take place at the NIDAT table. The token sellers could remind the customers to be sure and vote.

Dan made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by April. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ginapp