

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met at the Mason City Public Library's large group study room on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Dan Gapinski, Jane Ginapp, April Concepcion, Emily Ginneberge, Diane Murphy, Ericka McBride and Dick Cory.

Jane called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

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

Emily listed off the items that she has ready for the 16th Annual Ethnic Lunch at the Park on September 20th. There are 2 canopies ready; at 8:30 the barricades will be set up with signs for no parking; trash barrels, with trash bags available at her office; 15 picnic tables – adding 5 more to get everything available from East Park and the spider boxes for electricity. She has invited Brad from KAAL TV 6 to cover the lunch. She mentioned that a punch-list of items would be helpful.

Jane was unavailable last year, so punch-list items were not evident. Jane will be at the luncheon this year, from her list of items covered for the 20th are: the confirmed 6 alternative school student volunteers to set-up, the layout where vendors and exhibitors would be, the arrangement keeping track and who/how many plug-ins are needed in each bollard.

Healthy Harvest of North Iowa will be serving free samples of kimchi (fermented vegetables).

There will be an authorized withdrawal to provide seed money for selling tokens. Expenses expected are the \$500 for the two token tables, \$492.91 for Mason City Rental and \$300 for Cucho Madero.

There will be an exhibitor who will offer simple designs of Henna tattoo at no charge.

Dan will provide a ballot listing vendors for attendees to choose their favorite vendor and return these to the NIDAT table to cast their ballot. An idea was pitched to collect these at 1:00 to give time to count the vote and award the winner and get a photo taken during the event.

April's group will use the kitchen with United First Congregational Church of Christ.

Publicity: The shopper will feature the ad on the September 16th release. FB posting and ad, printed posters.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane reported that the bank balance is still at the ending balance of \$5,855.57. No change from the previous month's report. The Excel spreadsheet has been modified simplify the columns for monies tracking.

The NIDAT website is updated. There is a Facebook link for site visitors to see postings and events. Diane will add the NIDAT e-mail to the website and has volunteered to check and respond to the e-mails and FB posts as needed.

The August minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Contest: Jane met with Mason City staff, Aaron Burnett and Bill Schickel to check on the liability insurance asked for by the school and where NIDAT falls under its umbrella. There is withdrawal of support from the city and without it, liability insurance just adds to the uphill difficulty to get the program entered into the school as it has been proposed by Katie Koehler. This also opens the cost of fees associated with venue, chairs/tables and A/V rental without the school district support. **Members are encouraged to attend the October 9th meeting to decide how to move forward with the Art and Writing contest.** Should the program cease, the Farrer grant will be returned.

Erica on Volunteer Fair on September 24th: It will be from 10:00-1:30. She reported that Cindy Eyberg has posted the Ethnic Lunch fliers in NIACC to advertise the event. Dan plans to work the NIDAT table.

Committee Reports: \$5000 grant was awarded to NIDAT. The 2020 programmed budget is covered. Check will be coming in sometime late October or early November.

Jane called the meeting to adjourn. Dan made a motion, this was seconded by Diane. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Concepcion