

Minutes April 13, 2022
North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met in the big room of the Mason City Public Library and also Zoomed virtually on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Jane Ginapp, Pam Johnson and April Concepcion. LeAnne Clausen de Montes, Dede Maloy and Jack Gannet joined via Zoom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

March 9 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jane. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of March 31st, the balance is at \$8,346.46. There is after the bill for Go Daddy domain renewal for \$42.34 and a \$0.16 bank charge.

Website and Facebook update: Website is seeing agenda and minutes uploaded. FB is following some pages that Diane has for her personal account that relates to diversity.

Art/Writing Contest

There were an additional 15 more entries/submission. The result of the tabulation from judging delayed getting the results out. There were around 40 total submissions altogether.

The participants will get a letter and certificates to their school to recognize their entry to the art and writing contest. The goal is for the school to get these to the students.

Contest winners will be contacted if they would consent to record a video about their work. The group understands not all might want to create content. Some of the award ceremony videos will be from last year.

Old Business –

Immigrant Population Welcome Initiative with LSI – Bill plans contacted Nancy to request her or another representative to attend the meeting and share resource to help immigrants resettle. Mason City Mayor Bill Schickel, expressed interest in Mason City to resettle immigrants from Ukraine. Jack shared he has experience working with resettling refugees when he has in WI, with Lutheran Services. Currently, Jack shared that Lutheran Group is authorized to resettle refugees. LeAnne will be contacting pastors from Lutheran and Methodist to start a conversation to do preparation and orientation work to get steps in place since these things need a lot of time and organization to lift off the ground. Trinity might also put together efforts to do refugee resettling.

Ethnic Lunch – Bill contacted Emily on proceeding with September 16th, and to reserve park tables and city resources for the event.

Next on the list will be to contact vendors and go through items that NIDAT will need to reserve or rent. The members will go through inventory of tokens, tents, signs etc.

Jane will contact Darshini for cultural exhibits. Erica posed that Jessica Vetter will be the new contact with Cindy Eyberg retiring.

New Business - LeAnne made an announcement about Juneteenth observance in East Park.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by Jane. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion