

Minutes May 11, 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, May 11, 2022. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Diane Murphy and April Concepcion. Erica McBride, Jack Gannet and LeAnne Clausen de Montes joined via Zoom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

April 13 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jack. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance is at \$8,346.46. There were checks sent for the winners and a bank charge that will show up for the next statement; it will be for \$44 in postage and \$0.16. A motion to accept these expenses was made by April and seconded by Jack.,

Website and Facebook update: Website is seeing agenda and minutes uploaded.

Art/Writing Contest

Videos received were uploaded into Google Drive for Erica to access. Permission slips have come back, but they were not very many.

It was suggested to include these permission slips in the entry language for the contest. This is to eliminate tracking participants to make use of the art/writing into the program or presentation.

Video content has been started for the virtual presentation. Entries of all the winners have permission slips. This is getting wrapped up. There will be an update to NIACC's website and FB page after members preview the program content. Names only, are included for those who participated to acknowledge their entry.

For next year's contest – feedback from teachers to change the time-frame of the submission is under advisement. Erica will confer with Mara to fine-tune a good fit for the school to make the contest a project for class and for NIACC to provide the platform to get the contest publicized and allocate Marketing resources.

Old Business -

Immigrant Population Welcome Initiative with LSI – Bill has not heard back from Nancy. The plan is to shift gears and contact someone local to partner with so NIDAT has some guidance on what kind of support role to assume. Otherwise, the initiative will be left to others with a much better footing on immigrant resettling.

Members felt it would be a shame not be involved; the beginnings of forming NIDAT is from wanting to support refugees during Gov. Vilsack's time. There has always been the neutrality on politics as far as refugee assistance as far as the group is concerned then, and still is now. LeAnne will reach out with Trinity to give guidance to NIDAT and find some concrete next steps for the members.

Ethnic Lunch – Bill has sent over some letters to confer with Jane on next steps for planning the lunch event. He would like to get started on vendor needs to get reserved or rented out. Covid-19 cases will be monitored and how it is and will be trending.

From Bill's inventory, he has kept buckets and the NIDAT tokens are accounted for.

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

Additional details: will be starting at 3 p.m. and at Kiwanis Shelter.

Zoom option for the monthly meetings will stay on to encourage members to attend and work around their busy schedule. The time allotted for the meeting may be short, but has worked out.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by LeAnne. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion