

Minutes September 14, 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, September 14, 2022. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Diane Murphy, Dede Maloy, LeAnne Clausen de Montes, April Concepcion. No one joined via Zoom.

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

August 14 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Erica. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance beginning August 1st was at \$7,700.85. Diane will follow up on the last check as there maybe a time-frame for the bank to void it.

Website and Facebook update: Website is seeing agenda and minutes uploaded. Diane had some difficulty uploading the Ethnic Lunch poster and vendor prices. Main Street's update is linked with the NIDAT FB page for advertising the event for Friday. There are 3-year old Agenda and minutes that will be removed from the site to keep things current.

Old Business -

Ethnic Lunch – On the way to another year with the event happening this Friday, on September 16th, from 11:00 to 1:30 at Central Park on Federal Avenue.

There are NIDAT members and volunteers for Friday to man token tents, count tokens after and be available to set-up and tear down.

Punch list items that are with Partners:

Barricades, notices and advertising, spider boxes, tables for rental, picnic tables, trash bins are all accounted for with Main Street MC, Parks and Rec. The contact shifted from Emily to Steve Bailey and Lindsey James.

There will be volunteers from the Alternative Schools. The group decided to award them with 10 tokens for their time and effort to assist. Bill will check how long the students are available to help for set-up and tear down.

There was a KCMR radio interview. Main Street also got the poster out and between these media, there has been positive and excited feedback from local businesses that the event is coming back.

No cultural exhibits from International students.

Punch list items from NIDAT members:

Canopy - Canopies will be member-provided if Main Street MC doesn't have theirs anymore for token tent/booth.

Tokens - Volunteers will be paired to sell tokens. Tokens are accounted for, and the ice cream buckets to hand out to vendors. There counting trays will also be split with the two tents. A snack-size baggie will be available as needed to help keep tokens together.

Favorite food vendor contest - Voting Cards will be created to identify this year's vendors.

Participants can get a card to vote and return to the tent or leave with their vendor choice for the vote. The trophy will be displayed on site when Bill tracks it with Main Street. The first time

the contest was held was in 2019. It paused when the lunch event was canceled by the pandemic.

Vendor spots – location will have to be confirmed with Bill on Friday. There will be plenty of space with the reduced number of food vendors this year. Plenty of room to situate everyone. Cash boxes, banners/signs, and tape were also identified to locate from storage and bring to help identify where tokens are being sold by volunteers. No cash transaction during the event. Plans for next year – LeAnne met with Greek Orthodox church and there is interest for participation. The Friday schedule is a bit difficult, as this is a day of fasting. It will limit what can be prepared and sold. Something to think about, so more participation and representation from the community is highlighted in this event.

Immigration - No update. The meeting with Greek Orthodox Church also mentioned that there were no Ukrainian refugees were identified to settle in our area. There are plenty of churches and groups ready to assist and host. The housing/placement is a big hurdle.

New Business – None. An announcement from LeAnne that Saturday, September 17th at the Central Garden is the Latino Fiesta.

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

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion