

Minutes October 12, 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, October 12, 2022. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Diane Murphy, Nancy Woods, and April Concepcion. LeAnne Clausen de Montes and Jack Gannet joined via Zoom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

September 14 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction that the meeting took place on September 14. The correction was accepted and seconded by Nancy. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance beginning September 1st was at \$7,700.85. Deposit was made for selling tokens at Ethnic Lunch was for \$4,798.03 and checks were written for \$4,777.85. Ending balance is at \$7,721.03. There are three checks still not cashed with one of them from the Art and Writing Contest winner.

NIDAT does not generate any money from the Ethnic Lunch or Art and Writing Contests. Grant money is secured and programmed to be used into funding the resources needed of the events being sponsored.

LeAnne made the motion to accept the balance and Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

Website and Facebook update: Website is seeing agenda and minutes uploaded. Diane had removed older 2021 and early 2022 content. Pictures taken from Ethnic Lunch were not uploaded yet as of the meeting.

Old Business -

Ethnic Lunch – The group had consisted of volunteers from experienced Ethnic Lunch goers to new members. All in all, the everyone were very pleased on the turnout. The crowd of attendees was impressive with some vendors selling out at the first hour.

Will continue to discuss feasibility of volunteers, city resources and vendor availability; to change dates from a Friday and a longer time-frame to include more opportunity than a lunch-break period.

Thank You cards will be sent out by Diane to appreciate the efforts of partners who were very instrumental to the success of the revival of Ethnic Lunch at the Park.

Favorite food vendor contest – Filipino Foodie won the vote. The snack bags were a hit in two ways: container for the tokens and it allowed token selling volunteers to insert the Voting Cards. It helped with getting the votes and secure the tokens for the lunch-goers.

Immigration - LeAnne has made contacts to partner with an agency to help NIDAT to take concrete steps on immigration assistance. There is a Mosque in town from the Persian and Iranian community members. This is good with our local community getting more diversified. There is a monthly potluck/meetings that is open to the public with the synagogue and mosque.

New Business – The group discussed the idea of inviting speakers from agencies or community to talk about what they do and form and broader partnerships and connection for NIDAT. Nancy suggested a contact she has that is a good fit for a brief meet and greet and a short presentation. The members are looking forward to inviting more presenters and will be happy to get suggestions or volunteers too.

The goal is to gain knowledge and hear from community members on diverse talking points.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn. Motion was made by Diane and seconded by LeAnne. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion