

Minutes May 10, 2023
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 10, 2023. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Diane Murphy, Laura Frey, and April Concepcion. LeAnne Clausen de Montes joined via Zoom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. It was determined that we had a quorum.

April 12 minutes: Diane made the motion to accept the March. Laura seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance as of end of March remains at \$7,480.35.

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

Old Business -

Art and Writing – Erica was able to forward the list of participants, winners in each categories. Next is contacting winners and sending out the checks. Has NIACC posted anything yet? Diane will touch base with Erica.

There were no submissions from 9-12 grades. There were Art submissions from 6-8 grades.

Immigration – No updates from LeAnne. The Kirk building/apartment fire is a definite setback with local residents themselves needing assistance with housing. There will be an update on housing in a few months.

The group briefly discussed the tragic loss of housing and the different ways the community has taken action to help those who were displaced.

Ethnic Lunch – Bill has confirmation from 5 vendors. He is hoping to get a response from the others he is waiting to hear back. Bill will do a last follow up and then evaluate contacting other prospective vendors.

Bill and LeAnne shared their meeting with Lindsey with Main Street. They had a good visit, and they shared the impression that there will be enthusiastic support that will be given by Main Street for Ethnic Lunch. There will be additional FB advertising with them to spread the information on the event, street closures, etc. Bill will re-check if there is a need for street closure after lunch.

Lindsey also gave additional food vendor contacts should there be room to add a few more in the lineup. They also went over application for Parks and Rec for benches, and trash bins made available for ethnic lunch participants.

April has the event poster shell ready to edit once the information is ready to go out.

LeAnne is optimistic that the Main Street partnership will help other community events. She listed some upcoming events – Juneteenth supper, Me Pride, and a multi-cultural event being planned in August.

New Business – None.

Bill called the meeting to adjourn with a motion from Diane, this was seconded by LeAnne. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Concepcion