

To the Friends of the 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, February 14, 2024. Those in attendance were Bill Orozco, Erica McBride, Laura Frey, Krista Ditsworth, and April Concepcion. Diane Murphy joined via Zoom.

Erica called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. It was determined that we have a quorum.

**December 13th minutes:** Bill motioned for the minutes to be approved and Laura seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill went to the bank as he is now the Treasurer, he has access to our account. There was no activity and the current balance as of December 31, 2023 is \$6,225.47. There was no activity in January 2024 so the balance is the same, \$6,225.47.

**Website and Facebook update:** Diane is willing to keep updating, but is open to someone else taking over. Website with agenda and minutes are updated.

## **Old Business:**

### **Art and Writing**

No new updates as far as planning, but Erica has flyers to pass out. The registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> and NIACC Advisors are handing them out to area high schools. Erica will email the distribution list the PDF flyer. The "This I Believe" event is April 11, 2024 at 7pm at NIACC. You can find more details here: <https://www.niacc.edu/academics/common-read/>

### **Immigration**

No updates on immigration. Will discuss more in March.

### **MLK Celebration**

LeAnne sent a note to the NIDAT distribution list about a local event. "We are still planning to meet for the MLK/ Black History Celebration this coming Monday, February 19th at 5:30PM at the First Congregational Church - UCC. A light *dinner* will be served afterwards. We hope to see you there!"

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Bill is working on writing letters to vendors. We hope to have a max of 10 vendors due to space and permit tiers. Contacts have already been made with Parks and Rec and the City of Mason City and they had no issues with the date. We will contact them again 1-2 months before to make final confirmation the date.

Main Street sent out an email blast that had the wrong date. It has been corrected and is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2024. Please watch for more details in the coming months.

**Officers for 2024**

We are still looking for a co-chair to lead with Erica. Duties include sending out agenda and calling the meeting to order, every second Tuesday of the month. The position is a two-year term and alternates to the other co-chair for another two year. If anyone wishes to consider the vacant co-chair position, please contact Bill or Erica.

We are also looking for someone to take over updating our website and Facebook. If anyone is interested, please contact Bill or Erica.

**New Business:**

None.

**Announcement:**

None.

The meeting ended at 4:54 p.m.