

The North Iowa Diversity Team met on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 in the second floor conference room at City Hall. Those present included: Jane Ginapp, Dan Gapinski, Jim Spencer, Stella Ortiz, Mary Lopez, Lauretiu Plaian, Joey Van Zommeran, Mary Hamiel, Alice Hanley, and Dixie Lamoreux.

The meeting began with updates on the grants:

- Jane reported that she received written confirmation that a grant had been received from the Iowa Arts Council in the amount of \$500. This money may not be received until after the event but will be used to cover costs for the Hispanic/Latino Cultural Festival on September 16th.
- Dan reported that he had completed our application to the Principal Foundation and though nothing is definite, we are hopeful we will receive something from them. This money also may come after the events are over, but will still be very appreciated.
- Stella and Mary have been in touch with Diamond Jo's and have been told they will receive \$500 from them also.

The brochure needs to be finalized so it can be printed and distributed the end of August or first few days in September. Dixie is waiting for some final changes to be made and will get them printed and to Mary Hamiel to be distributed.

We would really like to have another food vendor or even two more. We had another one back out, leaving us with only two vendors plus the pies from Pies and More. Joey has agreed to contact Kathy and Myrna at the Hanford about some Greek food; Jane is going to contact HyVee West about some Asian food and Dan is checking into the possibility of brats and sauerkraut. Hopefully we will get something out of these contacts.

Alice is going to set up the PSA's and interviews with NIDAT and representation from the Hispanic/Latino Cultural Event. We will be airing a couple of those between now and the events in September.

We will be selling tickets for the food items being sold at Lunch by Central Park 2006. The cost of a ticket was set at \$1 to simplify things. This will eliminate the need to have change and we will not need quarters.

Stella and Mary reported on the Hispanic/Latino Cultural Event at NIACC on September 16th. They shared their poster that had been done by Stoyles and the cost of them. They have decided to get 1000 of them to send out and distribute. This is a cost of \$540. The bill will be sent to Dixie at PO Box 428 and Dixie will get the bill to Joy to pay.

Mary is going to check into getting labels for chamber members for Stella and Mary to use in their mailing of the posters. In an effort to save money they will fold the posters instead of using envelopes and mailing them.

Spenc is going to check in to getting some posters done in Spanish to distribute. He also said that UNI confirmed they will be there on September 15th and Eric Branson from the Human Resource Association also confirmed.

We should have enough tables and adequate electrical outlets available this year.

For future events, Joey reported that Hamilton College students make fliers, brochures, etc. for assignments at a minimal cost (just the cost of supplies) and do a fine job of it. This is nice to know and utilize in the future.

As a second attachment along with these minutes, there is a small bit we would like you to put in your church bulletin. If you know of some churches that will not receive this, please give them one. The more people we can get word out to, the more successful our event will be.

We plan to have a brief meeting at 4 pm on Wednesday, September 13th to just be sure everything is taken care of and to hopefully eliminate any last minute surprises. Hope you can make the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dixie Lamoreux