

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team (NIDAT) met on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 4 PM. Those present were: Ron Wagenaar, Jack Gannett, Tammy Hove, Mark Miller, Marshall Huffman, Lahoma Counts, Elaine Olson, Jamie Nagel, Jane Ginapp and Dixie Lamoreux.

Jane reported that Dan Gapinski would have the final draft at the meeting in April of the grant that will be submitted to Principal on behalf of NIDAT.

Jane also reported that the balance in our bank account is \$1816.37. She also told everyone that NIDAT's treasurer, Joy Drennen is doing well after surgery. Those that were present signed a card to be sent to Joy as we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Jane received some NIDAT papers and such that Jim Spencer had in his office at Mercy Hospital. She has gone through them and one of the papers was a preliminary draft of by-laws for NIDAT. It has not been completed and Dixie and Ron agreed to meet and try and complete it and bring it to the April meeting.

Tammy Hove updated us on the Calendar project. Since the calendar is a 16-month rather than a regular 12-month calendar, the original quotes she got had to be revised and the cost from PSI would now be about \$4.57/calendar. This cuts the profit we would make considerably. We will be checking out a couple of other possibilities and reporting back in April. Tammy also has a student lined up to do the prep work for us at no charge. There was also a small discussion on the number of calendars we would get. Some feel that 500 is pretty ambitious and 300 is a pretty small order for a printer. That will also need to be discussed later and decided. Dixie took the pictures and discs with pictures on them to go over and try and decide what will be used for the calendar. Lahoma was going to talk with people at the North Iowa Photo Club to see if they have any incite into a project of this type and Jack is going to check out on line services such as Snapfish to see what they might have to offer.

With all of this information to be discussed, it probably needs to be the main topic of discussion at the April meeting.

Jack also told us that he got an account set up with dotphoto.com to be linked to our web site for us to put pictures on. We now just have to decide on the photos we want to use and scan them in.

There were comments made on the presentation that we had at our February meeting on Immigration in Iowa. We will discuss further in April the possibility of NIDAT sponsoring a public presentation. There is some concern that opening it up to the public attracts some negative supporters and we need to be aware of and prepared for this if it happens.

We will be starting to make our initial contacts for Lunch by Central Park 2007 and that also will be discussed at our April meeting. So please try to make every effort to attend the April meeting to help make plans for the September event.

The April meeting will be on Wednesday April 11th at 4 PM – City Hall in Mason City.

Respectfully submitted by Dixie Lamoreux