

Minutes, 12-12-07 Meeting

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met December 12, 2007 in the second floor conference room at City Hall in Mason City.

Present: Darcy Skellenger, Elaine Olson, Scott Pardoe, Lahoma Counts, Linda K. Woodcock, Karen L. Regal, Mark Miller, Ron Wagenaar, Jane Ginapp, and Joy Drennen.

Matt Marquardt has asked about setting up a donation page. Questions arose about being set up as a 501C3 so donations would be tax deductible. Since we are set up with the city, would it be possible to go with that for donations. Karen will contact attorneys she knows about doing work pro bono, as there is a lot to be done in order to get the designation.

Mark Miller spoke of fund raiser ideas and working with the Swim Club, the Girl Scouts, and the Youth Center. We will be publishing a book about Black History Month events. Mark will come back with ideas in January. Discussion followed on costs of printing a book and binding to use and where to have the book printed.

Karen and Scott spoke about Black History flyers and their distribution. A different title was suggested as The Bridge: Celebration North Iowa Through Black History, Vol. 1.

A press release was suggested and there are two dates reserved for the Gallery at NIACC. Week of February 21 for display and Feb. 28 for the ceremony. The ceremony will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Dixie will send out invitations for the ceremony.

There will be three judges for the writing and three judges for art. Team members will be contacting the people they know. It was agreed to judge entries by Feb. 8. Entries are due Jan. 31. Stamps from the art work will be worked up for first place in art on three levels: high school, middle school, and elementary.

Scott has contacted North Central Manly, Northwood-Kensett, Lake Mills, Forest City, Ventura, Clear Lake and Mason City schools. Hal will send flyers electronically so they will be out to schools by Dec. 17.

Lahoma said the Elderbridge conference will be available. Date was set for Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 4:00 p.m. for judging. Elderbridge is located in Suite 216, Mohawk Square.

There is \$1,868.02 in the treasury.

Jane said decisions will have to be made at the January meeting on the book, the colors to be used and content. The decision on 2nd place prizes will also have to be made as well as a decision on treats.

Letters will go to banks in towns participating.

For the writing contest, a U.S. Savings Bond will be issued for 1st place in all three levels. High school will be \$75; middle school \$50; and elementary \$25. Created stamps from entries will be the first prize in art for the three levels.

Joy Drennen in Dixie's absence.