

NIDAT Minutes August 12, 2009

Present: Jane Ginapp, Dan Gapinski, Elaine Olson, Darcy Skellenger, Lahoma Counts, Melissa Weiner, Aimee Kern and Joy Drennen.

Jane opened the meeting with the good news that she had talked to Dave Vikturek about using Reunion Hall in Music Man Square for the March 4, 2010 ceremony for the art/writing contest awards. He said we could use it free of charge.

Next were ballots for choosing an individual, service organization, and corporate leader displaying outstanding commitment in understanding and appreciation of diversity in its multitude of forms. There were several nominations in each category. A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded in each category at noon during the Lunch by Central Park event in September. Jane and Dan will present the certificates.

The following were chosen by ballot:

Individual - Roberta VanderWalker
Service Organization - NIVC Services
Corporation - Principal

Joy reported \$2,170.74 in the checking account.

For the September 18 event, chairs and tables will be obtained from Mason City Rental, with set up by volunteers. Rolls of paper will be donated by the Globe Gazette. Flyers will be distributed in work places and churches. Elaine will work with tickets. Again, there will be two tables for tickets.

NIDAT members will stock the dessert booth. Goodies will be pre-packaged in plastic bags for \$1 per bag.

Dan will be running sound equipment. Plans will be finalized at the September 9 meeting. Lunch in the Park flyers will be distributed and there will be support from Main Street Mason City, according to Hilleri Jennings, Executive Director. The event will again be held in conjunction with the Great River City Festival.

Aimee and Dan led discussion on the by-laws that are being finalized. Officers will serve per the calendar year. At the February City Council meeting there will be a report for 2009 presented to the Mayor. A treasurer's report will be included. In September, we will vote on changes in the by-laws. They will be in effect in January 2010. Aimee will have a clean copy to send out.

Membership will be reviewed annually to determine the voting membership.

Corrections to the by-laws should go to Dan and Aimee before September 1.

The Iowa Mosaic Diversity Conference will be in Ames Monday, October 19, 2009. Dan will be attending. NIDAT might also sponsor one member to attend. If anyone is interested, please contact Jane ASAP.

Submitted by Joy M. Drennen in Dixie's absence.