

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team met on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall in Mason City. Those attending included: Diane Murphy, Aimee Kern, Luis Arellanes, Jack Gannett, Jane Ginapp and Dixie Lamoreux.

Jane called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Jane asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes from the January meeting. No one had any so Aimee made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Dixie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jane reported that Dan was absent from the meeting but that he has agreed to emcee the awards event on March 4 at Music Man Square. She also shared the news that Lionel Foster has generously offered to donate money and be a personal sponsor for the event.

The main agenda item was the awards event for the Art/Writing contest. The date of the event is March 4 at Music Man Square. Time of the event is 5 pm.

Judges for the event were sent confirmation letters and the judging will take place on February 16th. Deadline for entries is Friday, February 12th. Jane has been in contact with some of the schools and we are hopeful there will be plenty of entries. One new school participating this year is the North Iowa Christian School.

Jane was on KCMR live promoting the event and a press release was in the Globe Gazette on January 22nd. KCMR has also agreed to give air time to the winners of the contest to read their essays and to talk about their art work.

Jane will be in contact with Hal to make arrangements for getting the art work and essays to NIACC in time to get the books printed. Scott Pardoe at the Post Office will also need to get the art work to order the stamp pages for the winners.

We are unsure of the arrangements that have been made for musicians to perform at the awards event and Jane will also talk with Hal about that.

Diane agreed to go with Jane to Music Man Square to check out the set up for the event. Diane is the representative from the Girl Scouts and they will present the Honor Guard and provide refreshments at the event.

Jane reported that she is on the agenda for the Mason City council meeting on the 16th of February. She will be speaking and presenting books from last year's event to members of the council. She asked that any NIDAT members that could attend please do so in support of NIDAT. The meeting is at 7 pm in the Muse Norris building on the NIACC campus.

Jack mentioned that a copy of the NIDAT bylaws should be on file in the city clerk's office and Jane is going to check into this.

Dixie made a motion to adjourn and Aimee seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Dixie Lamoreux