

The North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team (NIDAT) met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the second floor conference room of City Hall in Mason City. Those in attendance were Aimee Kern, Lahoma Counts, Joy Drennen, Jane Ginapp and Dixie Lamoreux.

Jane called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Since everyone received copies of the February minutes prior to the meeting, Jane asked if there were any changes to be noted. There were not and Dixie made a motion to accept the February minutes as written; Lahoma seconded the motion and after the vote, motion carried.

Joy gave a summary treasurer's report after expenses and donations for the Diversity event were considered. We paid for 100 books and only have 11 left. With that considered and a donation of \$100 from Lionel Foster added in, our bank balance is \$1859.99

In reviewing the Diversity event a couple of suggestions were made to perhaps make things run a little better, though this year it was quite good. One suggestion is to only call the names of those students in attendance rather than calling all of the names that entered the contests. How this would be accomplished is still up for discussion. Another suggestion made was that we contact the schools via a letter in October encouraging teachers to make this a part of their class plans as they encourage students to enter to win a prize. This also will be discussed later.

Dixie will be sending thank you notes out to individuals who assisted with the event and making it such a success. (judges, musicians, Music Man Square, Lionel Foster, J. Bigler, S. Pardoe)

Jane will be going to Music Man Square on Thursday to pick up the displays that have been there since the event.

Dan was absent due to family matters so there was no recruitment news or steering committee items to cover.

Recruitment will be the next big issue for us and we will be discussing that soon. Jane is going to contact Dan Reese from the Department of Public Health and try and have him come to answer questions regarding licensing for the September event.

Jane will also be emailing everyone when she knows a time KCMR will be airing the interviews with the winners of the art/essay contest.

With no further business to discuss, Aimee made a motion to adjourn; Joy seconded and after the vote, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14th at 4 pm.