



**Diversity Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 1:00 – 2:30 pm**  
**Faribault: B109, North Mankato: PCR3**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Tracy Stokes-Hernandez, Al Kluever, Rikki Walters, Romero Alvarez, Teresa Neubert, Elaine Hardwick

Welcome: Tracy

Approval of Agenda: No changes to agenda.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes from April as meeting was canceled due to lack of participants

Discussion Items

Diversity Committee Chair/Secretary:

Tracy indicated to the group that she will no longer be filling the role of chair for the Diversity Committee and will be stepping down. She asked if anyone would be willing to fill her role as Nicole Hamilton was the Vice Chair, but cannot step into this role next year. No one volunteered who was present. Al also indicated he would not be filling the role of Secretary next year and would be stepping down from the committee as well.

Summer Web Site Project:

Elaine Hardwick explained that she along with others, Xavion was named, will be working on a Diversity Committee Website modification over the summer. She explained she will be working on this under Dr. Long-Jacobs supervision. She explained that she will be looking at other web sites to see how we might improve ours.

Diversity Committee Survey Results:

Tracy spoke about the survey results and events projections for 2015-2016. Tracy stated that about 50-60 surveys were returned. Some common themes included session of one hour, more plays and interactive presentations would be best. Group talked about Bukata Hayes and how well they believed his breakfast sessions went. Also, talked about how we have people from within that should present on topics they are authorities in.

CLIMB Theater Company:

Tracy made a phone call to a Michael Brown with the Climb Theater Company, who had been referred to her by Anade. The phone call was put on speaker so all could participate. Mr. Brown indicated how his group is attempting to gain a grant through the Minnesota Arts Board in order to present at schools,

primarily colleges, in out state Minnesota. He indicated that his group is looking for letters of commitment where schools would be willing to pay a 25% match for the CLIMB Theater to come and present. He indicated they are focusing on presenting during spring of 2017. He indicated that performances would be about 45-50 minutes and would be interactive depicting slavery from early in America to present. He indicated he would share information via email with Tracy.

Meeting adjourned. The next Diversity Committee meeting will be fall semester of 2015.

Minutes by Al Kluever, Secretary, Diversity Committee