NIOT Meeting Summary
December 11, 2014
314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Attendance:
Amy Lanning      Mary Beth Zachary      Heather Sayler      Ray Plaza
Cyndie Roberts   Tobias Spears         Yolanda Flores       Vicky Kulicke
Jennifer Twu     Roberto Elizondo      Susana Peña          Adriana Darris
Reina Calderon   Jackie L.             Dan

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Chair Updates
   a. BG Co-Chair: (Ray)
      i. Most of report under Old and New Business
      ii. National NIOT fundraiser – deadline by 12/31 – so far they have raised 60% of goal

   b. BGSU Co-Chair: (Gary)
      i. Not able to attend meeting due to prior church obligation

III. Working Group Updates
   a. Outreach Initiatives (Leslie, Vicky, Heather)
      i. Heather:
         1. Follow-up with School system about next steps
         2. Holiday parade canceled
         3. City working on their budget efforts – will provide update
      ii. Vicky:
         1. Students interested in getting into the schools (ex. Greg from the Black Student Union)
         2. Provided update on the NIOT film about Bowling Green – not yet final. Film is around 13 minutes long. Working in corrections
         3. Need to start looking into a Spring premiere of video both at BGSU/BG – potential to share other films in the NIOT series

   b. Education and Programming (Tobias/Lynn/Gary)
      i. Meeting with Lynn to discuss next steps
      ii. Exploring new initiatives/new ideas
      iii. Working on scheduling iStand for the Spring semester
      iv. Coordinated Ferguson 2.0 effort (week of December 1st) and desire to continue efforts
c. *Marketing and Public Relations (interim – Ray):*
   1. List-serv sign-ups
   2. Weekly Digest

IV. **Old Business**
   a. Ferguson, etal.
      i. NIOT issued a statement within 24 hours of the news of the verdict – waited for BGSU to respond first and then issued response (following protocol)
      ii. Different events from the Ferguson 2.0 discussion, the sermon at the Unitarian Congregation and other efforts
      iii. Discussion about potential next steps:
           1. Program focused on white allies (similar to Luke’s program from last year)
           2. Focus on coalition building
           3. Move conversation on where we can go from here with Police
           4. Important that we host a session and do something visual
           5. Feeling that the presence of police can be intimidating in some areas
           6. Potential to consider initiatives such as in the City of Dayton and how efforts are made to reduce barriers between law enforcement and the community
           7. Potential to do something as part of Women’s History Month in March 2015. NIOT could be a co-sponsor.
           8. Also look at other circles for opportunities to bring up NIOT such as the Ray Browne conference and others.

b. **NIOT Hockey Night**
   i. Event held on Friday, November 14th and it was the largest crowd in BGSU Hockey
   ii. Two signed banner and they will be permanently installed in the Ice Arena
   iii. Thanks to the volunteers that helped
   iv. Athletics was pleased and interested in future NIOT nights were other sporting events (potential to replicate model in the community)

c. **Holiday Parade:**
   i. Holiday parade canceled due to weather conditions and not rescheduled
   ii. Thanks to those that had agreed to volunteer and we look forward to next year

d. **NIOT Week by the Collective**
   i. NIOT week held from 11/14 – 11/22
ii. Kickoff event went well – showing of Waking in Oak Creek, discussion about NIOT as well as a Crossing the Line activity (circle style) – powerful to see the feeling of students

V. New Business

a. Interfaith Community Breakfast
   i. Rev. Saunders has been working on moving this forward and would like the group to formally approve going forward with the event taking place in March 2015.
   ii. Those in attendance formally approved moving forward with the planning process.
   iii. Gary will be convening a working group to begin the formal planning process.

b. Spring Events/ January Community Vigil
   i. Community Vigil
      1. Discussed a proposed idea for a January Community Vigil. Initially, Vigil was going to be held later on December 11th but with the back-to-back news from Ferguson and NY, decision made to postpone.
      2. Feeling was that we need something tangible for a vigil - can’t be general
      3. Decision made to table the vigil idea
   ii. Events
      1. Discussion on #Black Lives Matter
         a. To take place during MLK week in January 2015, looking at that Wednesday or Thursday. Potential location of the Wood County Library in Downtown BG.
         b. Tobias and others would work on planning details
      2. Discussion of need for a program for allies for late February
         a. Tobias to research potential areas and engage with Luke Grapski
      3. Discussion for need of an activity with Law Enforcement
         a. Maybe two events – one a meet/greet and other one a more formal discussion
         b. Gary/Ray to work on meeting with both Police Chiefs in January 2015
      4. Discussion for need of a NIOT Assembly at the JR/HS
      5. Later on – looking at the BG Premiere of the NIOT film

c. Financial Update
   i. New NIOT account established with the BGSU Foundation
   ii. Can now begin to collect funds

VI. Good of the Order
    a. Spring MLK Speaker is former President Sidney A. Ribeau
    b. Introduction by Reina Calderon, community member

Meeting adjourned.
Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2015
City Council Chambers
City Administrative Services Bldg.
304 N. Church Street