

NIOT Agenda and Meeting Minutes
Oct. 6, 2016
Wood County District Public Library, 5-7 pm

Present: Gary Saunders, Julie Broadwell, Chief Monica Moll, Chief Tony Hetrick, Capt Mike Campbell, Linda Lander, Ellen Wilson, Krishna Han, Mark Writer, Keenan Colquitt, Leslie Galan Sautter, Ana Brown

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Pastor Gary Saunders. All present introduced themselves. Trying new time (5-7pm) to see if that will help draw in more community members.

II. Updates

a. Leslie

* Reaffirmation ceremony: Oct.20. Peach March starting at Four Corners (former Jed's restaurant side) at noon to walk to campus. Ceremony in Union at 4 pm, only scheduled till 5 pm. 500 cards about the ceremony were handed out during Homecoming weekend.

* NIOT Week of Action with It's on Us and We are 1 Team—the planning has started.

* Newsletter: haven't been sending it out, not enough news, probably will move to monthly distribution.

b. Gary

* Interfaith Breakfast: some of the art from the 2 past events was on display at the meeting, brought by Gary. Discussed possibility of making the art a traveling display.

* Hispanic Heritage Month event: sponsored by La Conexion, was held at City Park, Mayor recognized the work of NIOT.

* NIOT Community members meeting at Gary's: discussed ways to generate interest in the NIOT monthly meetings—think of people to invite; structure for group needed (By-laws, committee descriptions, leadership composition, etc.).

* Statement regarding Tulsa and Charlotte police shootings: Gary generated statement, passed it by Leslie, sent to Sentinel, Independent Media, morning show; also on FB and sent out to listserv.

* By-Laws/Leadership situation: Gary to stay on as Community co-chair through spring (term was to be up in fall but recognize that changing in fall puts new person in "catch up" situation); time will be focused on structure, minutes, etc. Julie will be recording secretary to help during "transition" period.

c. HRC—no one present to report.

III. Working Group Updates

a. Outreach Initiatives

i. Feedback on recent NIOT events—no reports

Linda mentioned about upcoming Its Just Us conversation with police event sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs—need to get people there. For marketing, Gary suggested Sentinel, Independent Media, morning show. Chief

Hetrick suggested gobg.ohio as it's the community event calendar. Chief Moll stated the event is set to have police cover policy, then move to open forum.

ii. Reaffirmation events—Leslie and Ana

Falcon Marching Band, Falco, at 4 pm on 10/20. Giveaways, speakers, statements from BGSU students who started local NIOT; not a week of events as originally planned; Peace March at noon—people starting it are Mayor, BGSU President, Police Chiefs, NIOT Leadership team, and people can join along the way.

iii. Window clings

One idea was to get businesses involved during reaffirmation week to display clings and offer discounts. Carol (from NIOT) had meeting with Chamber of Commerce: loved the idea to develop the business component but can't do so by 10/20. Did suggest NIOT getting involved in Downtown Trick or Treat on 10/27 from 4-6pm. Julie volunteered to staff table. Linda encouraging group to have something educational to hand out. Ana offered to put together a tri-fold brochure; everyone appreciative of this.

b. Finances/Funding—Leslie

Reported there had been \$4,000; will be at \$2,500 after affirmation event; President's Office also put in money.

c. Education and Programming—Ana, Gary

* BGSU Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Gibson has a graduate assistant, Jordan Laflin, who will be able to help NIOT 5-10 hrs/wk, helping with administrative tasks.

* Its on Us (IOU), NIOT and We are One Team (WA1T) are putting together a week of action called Build the Best BG. Reaffirmation event will be Nov. 14. This is based on what was done during kick off weekend on campus, also presented to the President's Cabinet.

*It's just Us previously talked about.

* Interfaith Breakfast—starting to plan for this, looking for a Native American point of view as speaker

d. Marketing and PR

* Chief Moll reported that in Community Policing magazine, BG NIOT was highlighted! Leslie will send article out to the listproc.

* Linda requested through the Office of Community Engagement a volunteer to do videography for NIOT. Will continue to use to request volunteers for tasks.

* Discussion regarding last newsletter going out as a pdf or some other format or as link to NIOT website.

* Discussion regarding "working groups" but they don't meet. Leslie and Gary said to stay tuned as committee descriptions are being worked on. The group hit the ground running and started programming, now going backward to work on By-Laws, etc.

* Holiday Parade, Nov. 19 10am, Heather Sayler will coordinate this. Leslie will ask for participation via the listproc.

IV. Discussion: *Current Landscape*

Linda: Chief Monica Moll has been great support to NIOT, with her leaving at end of Oct. for

position as Chief at OSU, wanted it noted how her support has been appreciated.
Gary: asked Chief Hetrick about recent police shootings. Chief shared about Governor's Community Collaborative on use of force standards and steps police departments need to go through to get accredited. All officers have received mandatory training on implicit bias. Gary stated trying to keep this conversation going on use of force. Chief shared several examples of "justified force" and some case examples from BYPD over the years.

V. Old Business—none

VI. New Business—already covered

VII. Good of the Order

Ana—Tunnel of Oppression on campus Nov. 9 from 10 am to 10 pm and Nov. 10 from 10 am to 5 pm. This is Residence Life annual event. Title this year: The Ceiling Cracked, focusing on sexism, feminism, women's achievements, etc.

Leslie—Nov. 7 panel on NIOT regarding community engagement. Participated in Women's Center's Silent Witness event, handed around a brochure on Standing Courageous.

Gary—First Presbyterian Church reading "Waking up White" book, looking at a year long conversation which will expand to include other groups.

VIII. Next meeting: Nov. 10 from 3-5 pm at BGSU Student Union

Adjourned 6:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by Julie Broadwell.