

FAITH LEADERS MOVMENT

Minutes

September 20, 2018

The Grace Center, 1302 Victor St., Richmond VA 23222

1. Pierce Williams opened us up in prayer
2. In Attendance:
 - Pastor Pierce Williams, 5th Street Baptist Church
 - Marquitta Williams, 5th Street Baptist Church
 - Lt. Richard Edwards, Richmond Police Department
 - Pastor Manny Pena, LUX Church
 - Decon Shedrick McCall, Sharon Baptist Church
 - Christ Barrett, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
 - Pastor Barry Winston, St Marks Church
 - Tommy Cox, St. Giles Presbyterian
 - Jo White, St. Giles Presbyterian
 - Shekina Mitchell, LISC
 - Jonie Watling, HP Community Resident
 - Pastor Alex Boyd, Living Faith Christian Fellowship
3. Launch date projects
 - Relationship Building
 - Jo estimates we need about 120 people to do all of Highland Park with teams of 2, and another 40-45 to do the hands on projects.
 - We need a good training script. Someone from the New Virginia Majority, who does training like this, has volunteered to help with the training.
 - Projects (see the attached list)
 - Jo will send out the list of projects (actually, the list is attached here)
 - We will meet again on Monday the 24th to see what volunteers have come forward
 - Pastor Manny suggested that we ask Lowes to donate items – the pro desk, Brook Rd.
 - Chris suggested that we have a liaison for each project. So, Jo will send out the list of projects to all the churches and ask them to put something in their bulletins and newsletters asking their members to let us know which ways they can help with what skillsets they have. When we come together on the 24th we'll review that.
 - We're adding a new project, haircuts. One of the members in Pastor Manny's house that is a returning citizen cuts hair for homeless children every 5th Sunday and can come and on the 30th to do it in Highland Park. He'll cut hair for children/youth as well as unemployed and underemployed individuals. We should try to get other barbers to participate also.
 - Pastor Manny said they can bring the items needed for the landscaping.
 - 5th Street Baptist Church will take care of the childcare.
 - Set up 2 shifts 11AM-2PM and 2PM-4:30PM
 - Pastor Winston said he has people that can handle the landscaping projects. This was a conversation after the meeting.

4. We will advertise the event on Social Media:
 - Nextdoor HP
 - Facebook
 - Northside newspapers
 - PSAs

5. What's comes after the launch date projects
 - If we can't get to the whole community for door to door relationship building, we need to schedule more dates to do that. Might be on Saturdays or Sunday evenings.
 - Work with HP Churches to establish a continued contact pattern with the list of community members around their church. Perhaps this could be one of the local missions team in each church that has the ability to do so.
 - We start working with the HP Quality of Life Teams to fulfill their missions. When we go into a new area, we will help them establish Quality of Life Teams for their area. So, this is another area where church members can get involved. Those teams are:
 - Safety and community engagement
 - Beautification and blight
 - Youth Engagement and Education which would include adopting Overby Sheppard Elementary School
 - Employment
 - Prayer chain to stretch through the center of Highland Park. Pastor Manny said we should contact Urban Ministries for assistance with this. Gregory Day is the coordinator.

6. Movement name options
 - Setting the Blaze
 - Setting the Trail
 - The TEAM
 - One Accord

7. Website review (to be changed if the name changes)

Below is the link to the website draft. It has to be updated and finished when we decide on the name but this is a basic preview.

<https://settingtheblazefor.wixsite.com/forgod>

8. Other
 - Lt. Edwards said RPD will continue to assist on the outreach. They work with inmates on community service work like clean ups and will be doing 2 cleanups in the area in the next month. Pastor Manny deals with a lot of people like that also and will collaborate with Lt Edwards on this.
 - Marquitta spoke with someone from the city who told her that the garbage cans on 3rd by the church were put there by a non-profit but they don't know which one. They won't clean those cans but they did that day. We'll need to put this on the Beautifications Team schedule.

9. Next meeting date: September 24th, 11:00AM, The Grace Center

10. Adjournment 12:45PM

TO DO ITEMS:

- Work on a good training script. Jo will work on this with Chelsea from the New Virginia Majority and send out to you all for your input (Jo and Chelsea)
- Ask Lowes to donate items – the pro desk, Brook Rd. (Jo)
- Work on getting liaisons for each project. (All)
- Jo will send out the list of projects to all the churches and ask them to put something in their bulletins and newsletters asking their members to let us know which ways they can help with what skillsets they have. When we come together on the 24th we'll review that.
- We should try to get more barbers to participate. Jo will put an ask in Nextdoor.
- Advertise in: Nextdoor HP, FB, Northside Newspapers, PSAs (Jo)
- Contact Urban Ministries, Gregory Day is the coordinator, to establish contact for the Prayer Chain after launch day. (Jo)
- Send your vote in for the name (all)
 - Setting the Blaze
 - Setting the Trail
 - The TEAM
 - One Accord
- Pray over the movement daily (all)
- Come to the meeting on the 24th (all)

If anyone else wants to help with any of these items, please let me know.