

Prince George's County Department of Family Services



November 2, 2020, 6-8pm: Commission on Father, Men, and Boys Monthly Meeting

- Chike Aguh taking notes in the stead of Secretary Mike Williams
- Anthony McAllister says grace before this meeting
- Dr. Joseph Jones
- Chike Aguh
- Anthony McAllister
- Bruce Edwards
- Chris Kelly
- James Alsobrooks
- James Ballentine
- Allen Herring
- Robert Johnson

Elio Wade and Aaron Prather of Department of Family Services also in attendance

Approval of Agenda:

- Moved by Bruce Edwards, Seconded by Chris Kelly
- Approved unanimously

Approval of October minutes:

- No amendments to the minutes
- Moved by Bruce Edwards, Seconded by James Alsobrooks
- Approved unanimously

Treasury Report

- Account balance: \$5,000, no expenditures
- Potential purpose of business cards, quote pending

Strategy, Planning and Research Report

- Committee with meet in November to sketch out what a guide to FMB resources and programs
- Goal to have report in early part of next year

Budget and Operations

- No formal actions in October to report
- Commission shirts should arrive in next few weeks as paperwork has been processed
- Logo is still in process, it has been passed on to individuals within DFS

Communications and Community Affairs

- GroupMe created
- \$120 for business cards referred to above (500 per box)
 - o Settling on the contact number for each of these personalized cards



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 Potential event with District Jump on either a food drive for Thanksgiving or toy drive for the holidays

Short term goals and objectives/Feedback on recently completed initiatives

- Men's Challenge
 - o Bruce Edwards spoke and the event was a success
 - o Idea: book drive
 - o Still need to get the video from Elio Wade and hopefully onto the FMB website
- Homeless Outreach
 - o Commissioners visited three homeless shelters to donate socks, coats, 500 masks, and other clothes on behalf of the commission
 - o Two women's shelter and one men's shelter
 - o Thank you letter from Mayor Medlock will be sent shortly
- Juvenile Justice Symposium
 - o 10/22
 - o Dr. Demetri Kornegay was guest speaker
 - o 5 commissioners
 - Will look to increase youth and staff engagement
 - o Approximately 3-4 youth centers were represented on the event
 - o Opportunity to repeat this event
- Seniors to the Polls
 - o Joint event with First Baptist Church of Glenarden
 - o Low demand
- County Food Giveaway
 - o Successful event
 - o Date: 10/28
 - o Over 500 served
- Will begin to create year end report
- Ad Hoc committees created
 - o To create more formal structures for ad hoc needs as
 - o Moved by Chike Aguh, Seconded by James Ballentine
 - o Committee for Cancer Awareness Month (Elio Wade has offered to assist with this)

Short term goals and objectives/Upcoming Events or Initiatives

- County Food Giveaway
 - o Another coming up this Wed.
- Career Fairs / Job Postings
 - o Can send links to job postings to Employ Prince George's
 - Due to regulation, must work through Employ Prince George's as opposed to posting on the Commission's webpage
- Town Hall Meetings
 - o Idea: Town hall on the post-election reality and outcome
 - Concern about any unrest that may follow



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- Commissioner Johnson will take lead on fleshing this out
- Community Outreach
 - o Christmas toy drive or Thanksgiving food drive
 - Will do Christmas toy drive in December with District Jump
- Commission's Calendar
 - o Create a public calendar
 - o Also do longer range 2021 planning

Next meeting on Dec. 7th 6-8pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm