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Elizabeth Corinth: let's see brooklyn do you want to go next.

Brookelyn Rambadt: Sure hey everybody, my name is brooklyn ran back calling in from just north of Columbus Ohio part of the central Ohio chapter and she her pronouns and one word would be calm because everyone's in bed that's a rare for the zoom meeting somebody always up in.

Brookelyn Rambadt: complicating things around this time so everything is calm.

Brookelyn Rambadt: I don't mean to pick somebody else.

Brookelyn Rambadt: yeah okay see how about Katrina.

Katrina Orlet: hi there i'm trina i'm in St Louis Missouri she her hers I feel liberated from bedtime.

Elizabeth Corinth: awesome.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay let's see who we got who hasn't shared allison says she's just listening in tonight.

Elizabeth Corinth: let's see.

Elizabeth Corinth: allie are you here, I see you keep trying to get in i'm hoping, this is working for you, I know that this has been troublesome before.

Elizabeth Corinth: give her a minute.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: she's not muted.

Elizabeth Corinth: she's not muted, I know I know I fish she keeps trying to come in, so I think there's probably some sort of technical struggles happening.

Elizabeth Corinth: So hopefully.

Elizabeth Corinth: chicken yeah that'd be great.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: So i'm Ken i'm a.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: grandfather from North Carolina.

Durham.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: He him and i'm awake this time.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: for old people.

Elizabeth Corinth: christy.

Elizabeth Corinth: Oh, you went right, you went first um okay let's see has anyone else not gotten a chance i'll introduce myself and then please speak up if i've missed you i'm Elizabeth Corinth.

Elizabeth Corinth: Calling in from Washington DC which is land that was taken from the Nacotchtank people, and I am feeling a little overwhelmed a lot going on but we're gonna we're gonna settling.

Elizabeth Corinth: anybody else.

Elizabeth Corinth: awesome okay Thank you so much, everyone for being here i'm really excited to have you here i'm excited for this meeting, and to get into.

Elizabeth Corinth: kind of the next phase for free for school i'm going to put a link in the chat now to document which is has the agenda and jewels are you able to take notes.

Elizabeth Corinth: awesome Thank you so much.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that's kind of shows you what we're going to go through, as I was mentioning but not everyone was here.

Elizabeth Corinth: We are going to do an overview of the plan so free for school has just come through a big Community visioning process to really rethink.

Elizabeth Corinth: The whole kind of structure and model of what we do and how we do it for with kind of a variety of inputs and a variety of goals but chief among them.

Elizabeth Corinth: Really recent during our diversity equity inclusion and justice commitments and desires to put those at the the heart and Center of what we're doing.

Elizabeth Corinth: and make sure that it's infusing everything and it's really the priority and then also just to ensure the sustainability, the long term sustainability of the organization.

Elizabeth Corinth: And to address a lot of kind of things that have come up over the course of you know, the first couple years as we've sort of.

Elizabeth Corinth: Created free for school on the fly so we've taken this pause of covert time to really ground and rethink and make a strategic plan, rather than kind of just.

Elizabeth Corinth: Making it up as we go along, which has been a little bit of the approach so far so anyway we've come through the process of that and have a concrete plan and vision for moving forward so we'll start by looking at that.

Elizabeth Corinth: And just kind of answer any questions folks have just to give us all the grounding in that, and where we're headed.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then the big goal for tonight is really to think through you know as a result of that how, how will, how can this committee.

Elizabeth Corinth: support that process, and particularly support you know the the pursuit of free for schools diversity equity inclusion and justice goals and make sure that those are are being upheld.

Elizabeth Corinth: Through the process so there's a list of a bunch of different areas of possible focus, and so the goal here tonight is to see you know, as a committee, what do we think are the biggest priorities, and how can we as individuals or as smaller groups.

Elizabeth Corinth: take on some of the tasks and kind of make a plan for for this committees work moving forward, and then we do also, as I mentioned kyle Maxwell who's on the call here working along with annalise.

Elizabeth Corinth: Have and with some input from Jules and myself as well, have worked to formulate some guidelines for the Facebook group and moderation policies and would love

to just.

Elizabeth Corinth: get a take a look at that and really make a plan for the Facebook group kind of what to do with it, how to get folks in and.

Elizabeth Corinth: And transition from where we are currently with that So those are those are the main goals of tonight's meeting so we'll start by taking a look at.

Elizabeth Corinth: The plans and we are there is a page coming online, I think, is probably working on it, as we speak so as we're looking at it and made a change from moment to moment.

Elizabeth Corinth: But we're putting together a web page that really gives an overview of the the new plan so you can click on it there be aware it's the pages literally in the moment a work in progress.

Elizabeth Corinth: But you can see kind of the highlights of the plan if you're able to look there or i'll read them out if you're not able to.

Elizabeth Corinth: To be going back and forth, I know some folks are on phones and that makes it harder, so the biggest shift is that we're going to be moving all kinds of online activity to our own dedicated platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: It will be called our outdoors it's what we've been calling base camp in the past for those who have been directors, but that same platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: will be reconfigured and and renamed as our outdoor and that will be the platform for all participants so that'll be where people go to join free for school where people go to see events.

Elizabeth Corinth: There will be training available and orientation and learning modules and resources available there, there will be discussion forums.

Elizabeth Corinth: For people there'll be kind of local discussion forums, that people can join like the Facebook groups have been for the different chapters, there will also be kind of nationwide topical groups that people can join.

Elizabeth Corinth: And there'll be a lot of conversation and kind of reflection that can happen within.

Looking.

Elizabeth Corinth: i'm so Questions about that or.

Elizabeth Corinth: Any questions yet at this point.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we'll be shifting to that platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: And the existing kind of Facebook chapter groups will be phased out once people are able to move over to that platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: We will still have a Facebook presence it's going to be shrunk down to a more manageable size of 13 regional Facebook groups so that there's still a way for people to kind of connect and find free for school through Facebook and then.

Elizabeth Corinth: Those those groups will kind of direct people into the platform as they're

ready, but the goal is that there will also be.

Elizabeth Corinth: A fair amount of resources available outside the platform between those regional Facebook groups, the website, the blog.

Elizabeth Corinth: For people who are kind of just starting to become interested in kind of outdoor play and how to pursue that I mean that's really Maybe I should start with kind of we've really clarified our mission and vision, as an organization and so i'll pull those into.

A good spot.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the vision is a world where.

Elizabeth Corinth: All children grow up playing outdoors.

live in a good thing to.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And if anybody has any questions or comments you can feel free to pop those into the chat if you can't it's easier for you.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: To look at the agenda, do I open the link that was sent into the chat is that the deal.

Elizabeth Corinth: Yes, if you open that first link that'll take you into the the agenda.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: So just tell me well i'll lose will I lose vision of you, and I do that i'm just so.

Elizabeth Corinth: into yeah depends on what kind of device you're on.

Elizabeth Corinth: It may you may be like sent there you shouldn't you shouldn't be sent out of the meeting, you should.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: All.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: know that but, but I may, I may have to kind of go back and forth right most.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah yeah that's possible okay.

Elizabeth Corinth: i'm really sorry guys I just so many things i'm trying to think about and where the mission is is not like it's.

Jules Beesley (he/him): One of my hunt for that, and you can continue.

Elizabeth Corinth: Oh yeah board of directors like.

Elizabeth Corinth: One of those presentations awesome Thank you Jules okay so um.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we so yeah the goal will be that you know it's basically you know empowering caregivers and supporting the growth and learning of children through supporting people and getting kids to play outdoors and and through that to connect with you know, nature and each other and our culture.

Elizabeth Corinth: So so there'll be a fair amount of resources available externally that people can encounter as their first interested in exploring that topic of you know just kind of unstructured outdoor play with their kids.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then, as people want to delve deeper they'll be invited to join the platform which will be a place that they can can engage on those deeper levels.

Elizabeth Corinth: So joining the platform will be kind of joining becoming a member and there will be a sliding scale membership model to provide access for that so when people sign up they'll be basically presented with a suggested.

Elizabeth Corinth: scale based on income level, you know at various income levels, a suggested donation, but it will be, then people will be able to just there'll be a basically an empty box, where they can put in.

Elizabeth Corinth: How much they want to contribute and zero dollars, will be an option, and you can see what that sliding scale is, let me see if I can even pull.

Elizabeth Corinth: This graphic.

Elizabeth Corinth: it's in this document and i'll just read it out so from zero to 29,000.

Elizabeth Corinth: is zero dollars or pay what you can from basically 30 to 60,000 is $7 suggested annual the annual fee from 60 to 90,000.

Elizabeth Corinth: annual income it's a $15 suggested fee 90 to 120,000 it's a $25 suggested annual fee hundred and 20 $250,000 income is a $37 suggested annual membership fee and $150,000 annual House can income and up is $50 or more, as your suggested annual membership fee.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the goal is for that to be you know not something that's going to be.

Elizabeth Corinth: Financial struggle for any folks and again as i've said, you know, anyone can feel free to join without contributing, but the goal, there is that.

Elizabeth Corinth: That we're you know, presenting a model which is also how we've approached our gatherings which is everyone kind of brings chips, and what they can to support and create.

Elizabeth Corinth: An environment for the whole Community right so in the same way, we have shared snack and if you don't bring snacks that's fine and if you can bake muffins for everybody awesome you know and, like everyone just brings what they have in can and so that everyone has enough to eat.

Christy Cooper: dinner the organization to.

Elizabeth Corinth: be sustained, we do need.

Christy Cooper: One this one that's what.

Christy Cooper: The goal is for this to.

happen.

Elizabeth Corinth: where people can can give it the level that works for them.

Christy Cooper: Seen.

Any questions.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Oh Christie rosario.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah trina.

Katrina Orlet: Did you guys do any like was there any testing or I don't know how I don't know what the process would have been to check and say hey what's a way to do the membership process that works.

Elizabeth Corinth: In terms of like the whole structure of it in terms of the actual numbers in terms of like the logistical system of signing up.

Katrina Orlet: That, so the numbers, the numbers, you know zero for this seven for this 15 for this 2550 views of the breakdowns.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah good question so Mercedes is the one who did like the specific research, and I think what went into that is like comparing to you know comparable.

Elizabeth Corinth: Other you know things and also looking at our finances and what would be sustainable, for us, like taking those elements into consideration, and we do also we're about to put out the first announced email announcement blast about this new plan.

Elizabeth Corinth: which will go out to kind of everyone on our email list just to say hey it's coming the basic details and we'll link to this web page, which is going to have an faq a more in depth faq which you can see the faq if you if you click on that link.

Elizabeth Corinth: OK, and then.

Elizabeth Corinth: So when we send out that email, there will also be a little survey link from that email so we're going to say hey this is coming and we'll let you know when it's live to join, but in the meantime, if you want to fill out this survey.

Elizabeth Corinth: And one of the questions on that survey also is you know what.

Elizabeth Corinth: How much, would you be willing to pay so that'll be another piece of input to just get a sense from from Community members and we will have.

Elizabeth Corinth: income level as one of the questions on that survey, so that we can link those together and kind of see see if what we've got here, which is just you know the working draft version lines up also with that.

Elizabeth Corinth: it's a great question.

Elizabeth Corinth: i'm christy is asking for the D I J Facebook group so i'll try to work on pulling that in to get to you christy.

Kyle Maxwell: I can link that to.

Elizabeth Corinth: awesome Thank you.

Elizabeth Corinth: kyle that'd be great I appreciate that.

Brookelyn Rambadt: I have a question about the Facebook group is that.

Brookelyn Rambadt: Is that something that you're gonna we're going to continue for now, or like restart for now and then we'll move to the platform, or is it always going to be on Facebook.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I mean I think ultimately that's a question for this committee, you

know, to determine.

Elizabeth Corinth: My feeling kind of the staffs feeling is that yeah that what you've said, is probably the best plan that.

Elizabeth Corinth: Well, so one one answer is that the official kind of committee work.

Elizabeth Corinth: That will shift to the platform and and we can basically shift that now like, I think, as we get this committee going will i'll i'll make sure everyone gets on to the platform and there's a big committee group on the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that we can any like communication that we think will be useful to do in a group fashion for actual committee work that will happen on the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then we also can have on the platform like a broader group that's like just kind of general DJ you know concerns or interests are topics that anybody could join and that we could have you know, like other work that's not kind of the official like tasks and projects of the committee.

Elizabeth Corinth: Which is kind of one thing that the Facebook group has done or people have wanted it to do.

Elizabeth Corinth: that's something that could happen, also on the platform, so we think that that makes more sense than trying to maintain a separate Facebook group.

Elizabeth Corinth: So, to us, it makes the most sense to kind of, as you said, reopen it temporarily just to get everyone in and communicate transfer folks over to the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: But I think that the work that that kyle and folks have done to put together these guidelines and for like modern and and YouTube brooklyn and Brett you guys like this is built on the work that you had originally done as well, so.

Elizabeth Corinth: So all of the folks who have who have worked hard to build this this is going to go into the core of like on the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: there's going to be when people first come in.

Elizabeth Corinth: A little orientation that they'll go through before they start engaging to lay the groundwork for just the basic expectations of how people in interface with one another, and so a lot of that is going to come in there.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then, also as the kind of moderation guidelines for the individual groups like, for example, the local kind of county level groups that will exist on the platform that are replacing the Facebook chapter groups.

Elizabeth Corinth: So yeah that's kind of my feeling but definitely something open to discussion and and.

Elizabeth Corinth: Ultimately kind of subject to the decision of this committee as a whole okay.

Brookelyn Rambadt: Thanks, I was just curious yeah good question, thank you.

Elizabeth Corinth: Other thoughts or questions or comments at this point.

Elizabeth Corinth: Alright, so yeah just going back to kind of the relaunch web page.

Elizabeth Corinth: As I mentioned we're focusing a lot of our energy on providing resources for families who may be new to nature play so a lot of those would be things you know that are available immediately on the website or on Facebook, or in the blog.

Elizabeth Corinth: But, also, that that would be a focus of the content on the platform, as well as.

Elizabeth Corinth: Providing more accessible pathways to engage just making it easier for people to be able to join people to be able to host events, people will be able to take on leadership roles.

Elizabeth Corinth: Within the organization expanded staff support is key, so you know previously we've been relying a lot on volunteers and in order to be sustainable we're really trying to expand the staff to be able to provide consistency and.

Elizabeth Corinth: and robust support and then there'll be inclusion training for every Member so as I mentioned that kind of initial orientation track that's going to lay.

Elizabeth Corinth: The groundwork of of expectations and that's another place where this committee can really contribute, I think, to honing what that looks like.

Elizabeth Corinth: to shape that experience and and the Community.

Elizabeth Corinth: Culture, so if you then look down below if you're able to look at this.

Elizabeth Corinth: At this relaunch web page, you can see the kind of phases and timeline so currently we're in what we're calling phase zero, which is building.

Elizabeth Corinth: that's for January in February so we're building out the tracks on the platform phase, one which will happen in March and April is testing.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we'll bring a test audience on to not only test the content, but actually kind of to co create so what we're building right now is basically an outline.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then we'll be inviting that first group of testers on to provide their own insights and thoughts around the different topics that we want to delve into and then we'll be taking those.

Elizabeth Corinth: reflections and insights and pulling out kind of the best pieces of them to share so that when people.

Elizabeth Corinth: go through the orientation process and the training and the resources it'll be really personal, it will be able to pull like stories from people you know, like person like vignettes and personal narratives and things like that.

Elizabeth Corinth: And, and to be pulling from kind of the perspectives and experiences of the broad a broad range of folks rather than just the couple of us.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: I could ask you where was the calendar again was it was on the first document are.

Elizabeth Corinth: In that web the the the link that's free for school.org slash relaunch.

Elizabeth Corinth: If you go to that web page.

Elizabeth Corinth: And scroll down.

Elizabeth Corinth: there's a section called FFS relaunch phases and that's where you can see that timeline.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: This is this is on the first document.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the first document links to it if you're in that if you're in that first document, which is the DOJ committee agenda and meeting notes.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah and you look in the agenda that first bullet point or good overview of the organization's plans for the coming year and, beyond that link there where organizations plans for the coming year and, beyond that link and you click that it'll take you to that.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: realization or that baggage gotcha.

Thanks.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah let me know if it's not coming up for you.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that'll be testing and who will be testing, who will be kind of invited in at that at that phase to be the testers will be any former directors.

Elizabeth Corinth: And facilitators who want to, so we have the contact info for the directors and we'll be sending them an invitation to join us testers and we have some facilitators.

Elizabeth Corinth: will also go to the facilitator Facebook group and put the invitation out that way and invite directors to pass it on to their facilitators since that's kind of the main mode of communicating with facilitators that we've had kind of through the directors.

Elizabeth Corinth: But one benefit of this platform is that we will have direct links with all the people who are leading events.

Elizabeth Corinth: versus kind of going through directors to to have that contact and then also anyone in the DJ committee or Facebook group who wants to come in.

Elizabeth Corinth: As a tester slash content co creator will be welcome, as well, so around this call, but also everyone everyone out in that Facebook group or on the DOJ email list will be given that that invitation and, as I said, that will happen in March and April so early March will send out that invitation.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then the goal is for the platform to launch to be available for everyone to join may 1 and then in June, our hope is that we'll be able to add in scheduling events components.

Elizabeth Corinth: Obviously that'll depend a little bit um how things are looking with coded and also just you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: What what we're able to pull together but but that's kind of what it's looking like will be possible, given our capacity and timeframe.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then we have additional phases, that you can see beyond that so deepening connections phase and expanding outreach phase more robust content.

Elizabeth Corinth: in depth organizational partnerships and then adding an advocacy and our current timeframe thinking for those as that's kind of like one season, you know each

phase will take about a season.

Elizabeth Corinth: But that timeline could expand or contract kind of depends on how much we want to do in each of those phases and also like the resources that we have and how much staff are able to hire the more staff, we have the quicker, we can kind of work, our way through those phases.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that's we've haven't pinned down dates to those yet because it's a little little dependent, but we have a lot of.

Elizabeth Corinth: Plans about the specifics of each of those phases and what they could incorporate although it'll also be responsive to what we're hearing from people who are using the platform in the earlier phases in terms of what.

Elizabeth Corinth: What folks are wanting and needing.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so christie's asking would we keep our current chapter Facebook group during relaunch so basically.

Elizabeth Corinth: The chapter Facebook groups, we will put out kind of the messaging about the platform being available and let folks know that that's where things are shifting to.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then, as people have a chance to make that shift and also will let them know about the regional Facebook groups that they can join if they'd like to kind of stay connected on Facebook with free for school.

Elizabeth Corinth: So once those messages have gone out and people have been able to hear that and make that shift then we'll start phasing out the chapter Facebook groups is the plan.

Kyle Maxwell: A question about that, yes, I mean that you're phasing out chapter events.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the events will be shifted to the platform.

Kyle Maxwell: And there'd be like a group for each chapter or something.

Elizabeth Corinth: Basically yeah yeah there'll be a group for each.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah like that people will be able to create kind of count basically county level or maybe a couple counties together groups, and then the events will be posted in there.

Elizabeth Corinth: And when people are on the platform, they can join.

Elizabeth Corinth: You know any of the groups that are relevant to them, you know if you're near a couple different ones, you could join them just as people sometimes come joined multiple of the Facebook chapter groups, if you have family in another state, and you.

Elizabeth Corinth: often do visit there, then you can join that so you can kind of find those groups and and so people will be able to search for events anywhere in the country once they're on the platform, but yeah you'll be able to easily find the ones that are close to you by being in your local group.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay um let's see so some more good great questions in the chat um

let's see we've got.

Elizabeth Corinth: Brett says question about local forums within our outdoors can you give it an example of what this will look like yeah so I can't Let me share my screen.

Elizabeth Corinth: Let me pull it up first actually and then i'll share my screen, so you don't have to watch me try to find it and make sure i'm signed in and all that okay.

Elizabeth Corinth: Here we go will actually go yeah for those not everyone has seen the platform.

share my screen.

Elizabeth Corinth: Sorry, all I have a new computer, and so I guess I haven't enabled screen sharing it's when you have to quit zoom in order to.

Elizabeth Corinth: change that so.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Not good share.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah can you go and base camp I don't know if you have.

Access to.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Every can answer another question.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I will.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so.

Elizabeth Corinth: turns asking and the interest of DJ would there be consideration to inviting non FFS people who are from broad agenda needs to test new content for sure yeah if there are folks who you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: Anyone knows who would be interested in that please invite them and if people in this committee wanted to anyone wanted to take on that task of like actively kind of seeking specific you know folks from from broad identities, who wanted to test we that would be fantastic So yes, definitely.

Elizabeth Corinth: um it's a great great idea.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, who will be facilitating and moderating those groups great so yeah will it be the directors role or.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah so we're we're shifting away from the role of director.

Elizabeth Corinth: As as a role because there's not going to be as much need for it, because we'll have this centralized platform we won't really need as much of like one person for each locality who's really managing a ton of different stuff.

Elizabeth Corinth: So, because, like people who want to host events, the people who have been facilitators in the past, rather than having to like go to a director to get trained there'll be able to get that training through the platform and.

Elizabeth Corinth: Members will be able to kind of like join the platform and then find their

place but yes, there will still be moderators of these local groups.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that'll be another training track available on the platform if people want to be a Moderator of a group which we assume that you know, the people who have been directors will.

Elizabeth Corinth: Many of them may want to take on that role, so they in order to have a.

Elizabeth Corinth: Local group started someone will have to go through that process of like a brief training to become a moderator just kind of orientation to the guidelines and expectations of what it looks like to moderate and then they will.

Elizabeth Corinth: Once they've completed that training, there will be a staff member who's kind of a Community manager and it'll be their role to then create that group for them and assign them as host and then that group will be available for people to join.

Elizabeth Corinth: And so that so that's how that process will work there'll be a volunteer Member participant who's gone through a moderator training.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then started that group, and you know multiple people could go through that moderator training for any individual group, as a group, you know wanted to have more than one moderator that would obviously be ideal rather than one person doing it, but.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that's the idea there if that makes sense.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah does that answer that question.

Elizabeth Corinth: Jules have you been able to get into base camp.

Jules Beesley (he/him): what's the website, again, I can never find it.

Oh yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: Well yeah right so for now, it is still base camp dot free for school.org.

Elizabeth Corinth: I just don't know if you'll be able to see this group or not I don't know who.

Jules Beesley (he/him): mercies gave access to it.

Elizabeth Corinth: it's USA walking county.

Elizabeth Corinth: What groups do you see when you look.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so brad says, I guess, I don't mean moderation, a huge part of my role is facilitation conversations in the Facebook group.

Elizabeth Corinth: So, are you saying like kind of getting conversation started.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah um yeah so um good question yeah I mean I guess.

Elizabeth Corinth: I was envisioning that that.

Elizabeth Corinth: could be part of the you know the moderator training would also be like yeah how to not only like.

Elizabeth Corinth: address any issues but also how to kind of facilitate conversation and get

it going.

Elizabeth Corinth: it's also something that anyone could you know start a start a conversation if they wanted to an interesting thing about the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: That we're using is that which many of you know you know is that anytime any reflections people complete in the trainings.

Elizabeth Corinth: Training tracks also become like part of the conversation in different places.

Elizabeth Corinth: But i'd love to hear more about yeah so sparking interest in promoting events through storytelling yeah I think that would also be something, you know that.

Elizabeth Corinth: could be part of the the training for the facilitators right that that could be part of that role as if you're hosting events, then you know that's also something you could be doing um but yeah i'd love to hear more about your thoughts on that that's not something I have a lot of.

Elizabeth Corinth: concrete ideas about how we're going to approach it so.

Jules Beesley (he/him): I have that screen share it.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah that'd be great.

Jules Beesley (he/him): disabled.

Oh.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah let me fix that.

should be fixed now.

again.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah so um as I think many like groups is a new feature that's been added to the platform since since most of you probably went through the training.

Elizabeth Corinth: So each group has a dashboard and it's you can kind of shift how that looks you can go to, and you can see, you can have a welcome you know, and then you can also link to specific tracks, especially a starting track.

Elizabeth Corinth: there's yeah so, then you can have tracks within groups I don't know yeah so one idea that we have here is that within each local group there, there could be a track about.

Elizabeth Corinth: You know, land acknowledgement within that specific regions, so that people could kind of have access to that information for each locality.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then see if you just go back now and jewels.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then there's conversations so that's the place where you would be able to have different channels of discussion and that you can have kind of some guidelines for how to engage in that.

Elizabeth Corinth: See yeah I think we haven't like played around with how.

Elizabeth Corinth: How it looks once you have kind of robust conversation happening in there, but we can kind of test that out.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then yeah So those are those are kind of the components of the groups at this point, and then there'll be an events tab as well, so once there are events you can host events within the group so yeah jewels if you don't know if you're in any of the working group.

Elizabeth Corinth: groups in any of those one of those has, you can see how events looks.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: Elizabeth is orientation on this old platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: And what do you mean.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: Well, you you, you spoke as though all of us had experience in orientation, I have not.

Elizabeth Corinth: Right, so the people who have gone through an orientation are people who are directors.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we've been using this platform for to train our directors and so yeah so so there's some some folks on this call, who have been directors.

Elizabeth Corinth: Who are directors of chapters and so they've been through this but yeah if you're not a director than you wouldn't have seen this yet, but this will now be open to all Members.

Elizabeth Corinth: And people will be able to there'll be kind of some initial training to just engage in the platform there'll be a lot of optional training around like Okay, how do I, you know, like support risky play for my kids or you know how do I.

Elizabeth Corinth: What should I bring when I go outside right like some kind of general interest and then specific trainings if you want to become a Moderator of your local.

Elizabeth Corinth: group or, if you want to host events or, if you want to attend events there'll be a specific training track to go through before you attend.

Elizabeth Corinth: Events and all of these tracks The goal is for them to be very simple, straightforward easy to get through.

Elizabeth Corinth: nowhere near as cumbersome as the director training was for those who have been through it like really paring back and just kind of getting to the heart of things, making it simple and accessible.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay let's see seeing chat here.

Okay.

Elizabeth Corinth: i'm able to access the dashboard um yeah it's Christie are you talking about the the base camp dashboard.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah we haven't yeah um okay cool so yeah we you know we've kind of like put a pause on that because we haven't been, you know as we've been trying to figure out what the new plan has been and everything like that.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that would be the reason i'm sorry that you've that sounds like it's

been frustrating to try to get access to that and not being able to.

Elizabeth Corinth: That yeah we we haven't there hasn't really been activity going on there we haven't been like adding new chapters or adding new directors or anything like that.

Elizabeth Corinth: So.

Elizabeth Corinth: So you haven't been missing anything going there it's going to kind of be rebuilt, but yes well we'll make sure that that you can get back in for the testing phase if you're interested in that or definitely for the.

Elizabeth Corinth: The regular phase so yeah we'll we'll kind of have a process for people to get kind of re accessed and figured out but i'll have Mercedes look into kind of what's going on with your account so that we can help you get to where you need to be with that.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Elizabeth Is it right that you know we're relaunching right now, and everything is going to be kind of chaotic I imagine.

Jules Beesley (he/him): As everything gets rebuilt from the ground pretty much so.

Jules Beesley (he/him): I think that's just where we are right now, as we.

Jules Beesley (he/him): completely restructure this organization yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah exactly and and the you know Irene, who was the like chapters coordinator.

Elizabeth Corinth: was no longer able to you know, support the organization and, as she had been doing on a volunteer basis for many years, so she stepped back from that role so that's part of it, too, is that we didn't have anyone in that role of supporting.

Elizabeth Corinth: directors and so yeah um but yes, we will make sure everyone gets reorganized, and Mercedes is is working on streamlining that process right now and kind of setting things up, so that people have the right.

Elizabeth Corinth: roles assigned to them and the right access for everything to to make that process go more smoothly.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And the Organization has a staff up to.

Jules Beesley (he/him): The end and Elizabeth is volunteer staff so.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah great.

Jules Beesley (he/him): To have time i'm.

Elizabeth Corinth: Left less than half, I think, to less than half time staff actual paid staff me doing what I can do on a volunteer basis and that's that's it.

Elizabeth Corinth: Currently yeah that's where we are.

Kyle Maxwell: You go over that again if you don't mind, who is the pizza.

Elizabeth Corinth: So honor is paid for, I think, currently she was at 20 hours, but she stepped back to 12 as our executive director and then Mercedes Benedict is on I think she's at like 20 hours per week.

Elizabeth Corinth: As she does so much I don't know what her official title is she does admin she does finances she does like logistics and.

Elizabeth Corinth: A lot of different components.

Kyle Maxwell: Thanks that helps put things into perspective.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah yeah we did have you know we did have a staff development at halftime and development person for a while.

Elizabeth Corinth: and communications we've had a couple folks come in and out of communications always at a halftime role but yeah that's where we are currently and have been for the past several months as we've been going through the Community visioning process.

Elizabeth Corinth: You know, and a lot of that is because funding has pretty much gone to very near zero with with Kobe and everything closing down.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay who's creating the content, so I have been doing the initial like build out of the well okay so on it and Mercedes, and I have worked together to outline what is going to go on there and then.

Elizabeth Corinth: On a did some work to develop a new set of tracks and then I like input those into the into the platform i'm going to outline kind of other tracks and then.

Elizabeth Corinth: get those input into the platform we've also got another person who's going to be coming on a contract basis who's really.

Elizabeth Corinth: amazing to do some thinking about how to make the interactive process really strong and she's got a lot of different skill sets on and that so she's gonna she's gonna come in.

Elizabeth Corinth: To support that as well, but so far that's been that's been pretty much me with on and Mercedes providing.

Elizabeth Corinth: You know input on planning for it.

Elizabeth Corinth: But as I said, you know what we're putting in there is really kind of an outline and the goal is that the testers are not just testers they're really co creators and that that their engagement with the platform will then be pulled into kind of the final version that.

Elizabeth Corinth: Is the the public.

interface.

Elizabeth Corinth: I think I hit all the questions and things in the chat.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so so that's kind of where we are any other questions at this point about kind of that the plan and.

Elizabeth Corinth: And what the timeline or anything like that.

Brookelyn Rambadt: Just it's not really just kind of an irrelevant question, right now, but I was just curious so like if you join the platform and then you want to find.

Brookelyn Rambadt: Events in your areas are like is it gonna be like a map, so people can see where we're like the chapters are located, or the groups are located, or whatever.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah so that is a feature that is not currently.

Elizabeth Corinth: Like ready on the platform, but they're working on developing that, and so I think that it was looking like the timelines we're going to align where that would be available, you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: At or pretty soon after we're hoping to launch events, but you know you never know for sure when you know yours can hit snags.

Elizabeth Corinth: But that's that's The goal is that there would be and in the meantime, if we don't have a map, there would be kind of will find kind of a temporary workaround where you can at least like search by state or you know we'll find will find ways, yes, there that there will be a map.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay overarching question whether decision to re engage in person is entirely local.

Elizabeth Corinth: um What do you mean by that.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: Well i'm.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: As I haven't really been able to keep up with information very well, and so I only use Facebook and.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: Consequently, will see mostly as people who aren't already in free forest, but who are coming to my community and asking questions and I never quite.

2-Ken Brockenbrough: I never quite know whether or not people are beginning to meet here now, or whether that decision is something that's bottom up top down i'm not sure that decisions being made.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah so so basically currently there's there aren't supposed to be any kind of official free for school events or gatherings at this time, and so you know people are doing that kind of that should be on an unofficial basis.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the goal is that when official events do start back up that'll be there'll be on this platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: And that'll be the goal is that that'll be in June that will be like a personal decision obviously for for anyone, you know there, I know, will be a lot of people in June, who still don't feel comfortable.

Elizabeth Corinth: Gathering in person there's also a lot of people who felt comfortable last June, you know we're like raring to go so there's a broad range and so you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: At the point that we feel like it makes sense to open it up will it'll be available to people to create events on.

Elizabeth Corinth: The platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then, obviously, our goal is for there to be a lot of other ways to engage as well, so that people who who aren't yet feeling comfortable with attending events

will still find a lot to gain out of the platform in terms of kind of communication.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I think you know we've been.

Elizabeth Corinth: doing what we can to engage and communicate with with directors and folks, but I think there's definitely.

Elizabeth Corinth: We haven't done a ton of concerted effort to make sure that in all the Facebook groups there's a lot of information about kind of what's going on but.

Elizabeth Corinth: Now as we're making kind of this first big announcement about the plan, we will be doing that.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we'll be putting out this email, which is going to go out to everybody on our email list anyone who's ever signed the waiver so that's like about 50,000.

Elizabeth Corinth: folks who are going to get that email announcement and then we're also we also have a graphic that we're going to go through and post and every single one of those the chapter Facebook groups to say.

Elizabeth Corinth: hey there's a big announcement, it should be in your inbox.

Elizabeth Corinth: You can also go to this web page and find out more and sign up to make sure that you're getting the emails if you aren't so So this is the point at which we're.

Elizabeth Corinth: going to kind of reconnect at that level and make sure people know what's going on and what to expect, and when to expect it and we'll be able to get that information.

So that's kind of the plan from here.

Elizabeth Corinth: Other questions on that.

Elizabeth Corinth: And brooklyn has is working to help us kind of think through.

Elizabeth Corinth: How how we're talking to directors and announcing to directors and engaging directors in this process of the transition so it's not.

Elizabeth Corinth: A surprise or a shock or, and so the directors, have the information they need to answer any questions that may come their way or they know where to direct questions if they don't know how to answer them so that's something we're thinking through.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so wow That was a lot.

Elizabeth Corinth: But I think it's helpful for folks to know where we're going in order to know how how we can support you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: The big goals and also, I definitely wanted to present all that, to this committee, so that you know if there are red flags or suggestions or.

Elizabeth Corinth: Concerns or questions that that those can be addressed here so tonight look like maybe you were a meaning to say something no Okay, maybe Brett jabra.

Elizabeth Corinth: Barely.

Elizabeth Corinth: I can hear yeah I can hear you with them quiet.

I think.

Brett (she/her): issues with.

Brett (she/her): The conversation.

Brett (she/her): Think i'm just thinking of my.

Brett (she/her): Which is huge, but if you're going to include the rest of like the outskirts or area and again.

Brett (she/her): there's gonna be people who had to take.

Brett (she/her): themselves into that space without.

Brett (she/her): I just have any concrete thing to say, but I have like concerns with.

Elizabeth Corinth: That little.

Brett (she/her): Safe space.

Brett (she/her): Just even friends, because our group group so huge that like it like I was getting messages for questions because.

Brett (she/her): People reading.

You know.

Brett (she/her): yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: No, I think I think for sure that's like a very valid concern and something we want to be really thoughtful and intentional about and and and really.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah like identify what are those what what what what can get lost and how do we make sure it's not lost right and how do we, you know what what can we.

Elizabeth Corinth: do to create the environments, that we want to need to create.

Elizabeth Corinth: But also like what is within our capacity as an organization and as volunteers and everything like that so, so I think that what you're saying is really important, and.

Elizabeth Corinth: I would love to have you like think through what what it is, you know the like what what the pieces are that you would be worried about losing right and.

Elizabeth Corinth: If we can keep kind of keep the conversation going on that, as you like definitely like take time process think it through right and then, if you can articulate.

Elizabeth Corinth: Some of that then we can really look at it and figure out, you know what are, what are the solutions we can find because.

Elizabeth Corinth: Like yeah I agree, and like in DC there's so much wonderful stuff happening in our Facebook group just very like organically, and everything.

Elizabeth Corinth: So I have some similar like I don't want to lose that So how can we make sure to keep those components and yeah like be aware, like yeah not everyone's going to want to just join this random platform so.

Elizabeth Corinth: You know, we are trying to think about what are the kind of like very

external and publicly accessible resources and spaces, you know we've got every day outside we're going to have these kind of regional Facebook group so will those be places where some of that can happen like.

Elizabeth Corinth: I think the more we can understand and think through you know what are, what are the components that we don't want to lose, then we can think through how, how can those fit with.

Elizabeth Corinth: With this new model and and.

Elizabeth Corinth: And how can we, how can we kind of hold on to those so i'm.

Brett (she/her): just add one more thing, and I think it's relevant that they used to work for a school that used.

Brett (she/her): first class i'm just totally didn't know, we had the whole school in this platform, and so we.

Brett (she/her): base camp and very similar like where we had all the students, teachers, all the parents.

Brett (she/her): turn into like multiple organic grapes sharing.

Brett (she/her): conversations happening all over because the village and conversations.

Brett (she/her): School as a virtual school So this was, like all of it, and it was there was a lot of paid roles to.

Brett (she/her): facilitate those those places, and so we think there is potential is great potential for like months.

Brett (she/her): The need for moderators.

needed.

Brett (she/her): Be.

Elizabeth Corinth: Sure, for sure there will be new challenges.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah Thank you Brett for bringing up the all those concerns, I think what one of the things with this relaunch that's always on my mind and we're discussing at the board level, and I think it really should be.

Jules Beesley (he/him): on the front of our minds, here in this committee is you know when we when the organization started it just started kind of moving forward and just growing you know really quickly and there was a dei component, but it wasn't the Center and it wasn't the starting point and.

Jules Beesley (he/him): I think it's going to be up to last really to hold the organization accountable and make sure that that that doesn't it doesn't happen that way and that we're centering racial equity in our structures from the from the beginning and how we're reorganizing and who were.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Working with and who were including and who has the power.

Jules Beesley (he/him): To and who has a voice and.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And I think that's really where I think that's really the should be the main role of this group, and then that'll there'll be lots of smaller tasks that will be supporting that role, and we can you know people, we can talk about that, but that's my my perspective on this.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And having seen you know what how we have come out of the the turmoil of last summer and where we hopefully moving towards I think it's that I think it's really you know really centering the people who we have not centered.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Previously, and I think that's the that's the work.

Jules Beesley (he/him): that's the hard work.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah and that connects to the question that Nicole has just put in the chat, which is about you know what sources is free for school using to help refocus on D J.

Elizabeth Corinth: So yeah one one component of that is that the Board has just finished going through a four module course called whiteness at work by developed by the way.

Elizabeth Corinth: and presented by the Adelaide group which has delved into you know, like identifying the components of white supremacy culture within your organization and.

Elizabeth Corinth: How like kind of like taking an active assessment of your own specific organization, how you see those components interweaving how as an organization, you can.

Elizabeth Corinth: Address address those things and re frame the way that you approach things so that's one component and the Board has kind of pulled out, and is is finalizing a set of touchstones that are like the core kind of.

Elizabeth Corinth: messages and elements and and i'm like frameworks from from that training process that we want to talk to us as like we go back to this every time we're considering a new initiative or launching a new project or.

Elizabeth Corinth: or undertaking any new component that we're going to kind of go through this list and check it against some of those.

Elizabeth Corinth: that's one component and other component is that, as a board we're we're working to expand the the board membership and recruit.

Elizabeth Corinth: New members with as focus on greatly expanding the representation of bipolar folks within the board.

Elizabeth Corinth: jewels other things you want to say on that.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah I think also not.

Jules Beesley (he/him): You know, recognizing and uplifting and supporting and partnering with other organizations who are already doing that work.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And not feeling like we need to be taking all that on when we can't and really just.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Making alliances with other organizations with each other.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And and really working on that piece I think that's going to be a big part of what we're doing in the future.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Not just organizing events but moving towards that that those alliances and co conspiracies and advocacy I think that's really where.

Jules Beesley (he/him): i'm hoping we're heading.

Jules Beesley (he/him): that's the plan.

Elizabeth Corinth: and

Elizabeth Corinth: Nicole any follow up questions on that or anyone else any follow up questions on that it's a really good and important question.

Nicole Adams: Sorry, I had to move my Internet was a little unstable, where I was so um, I just wanted to say thank you to jewels and you as well, for for that explanation it sounded really.

Nicole Adams: thoughtful and.

Nicole Adams: and very sound again just kind of wondering who we know which organizations have been consulted or which people, whether their.

Nicole Adams: allies or bypass folks themselves who have been doing the work and, more importantly, can help guide.

Nicole Adams: Excuse me, help serve as a guide in doing this work, so it sounds great so thank you for that response.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah and I can we have a list of some of the organizations that we have been talking to specifically.

Elizabeth Corinth: I can pull that up if we.

Elizabeth Corinth: want to look at that and then but yeah I think that's really.

Elizabeth Corinth: Important to be explicit about.

Elizabeth Corinth: Things and.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay, so yeah I do want to I recognize, you know we're kind of my goal was an hour for this meeting.

Elizabeth Corinth: I think everyone who's here still.

Elizabeth Corinth: And who was who born born with us going through all that and I do want to kind of take some time for anyone who's able to to give a little more time to think through kind of where do we go from here, as a committee, in supporting kind of the the process of.

Elizabeth Corinth: bringing this to fruition and and, particularly, you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: The various ways in which di J needs to be incorporated and centered So if you look at that.

Elizabeth Corinth: That agenda that was linked and i'll just read link it in case because I

know some folks have had to come in and out for.

Elizabeth Corinth: technical reasons and.

Elizabeth Corinth: And so, sometimes that makes the chat go away so anyway here's the document again.

Elizabeth Corinth: And if you look down to the third.

Elizabeth Corinth: main bullet point here for form task forces to tackle the most pressing D jake tasks, there was one of the former.

Elizabeth Corinth: Leaders of this committee janine.

Elizabeth Corinth: Had a really was kind of about to institute a really cool approach of kind of Sub groups or task forces within the DJ committee with different areas of focus.

Elizabeth Corinth: which I really was excited about and would love to kind of bring back in.

Elizabeth Corinth: Because I think people come here with different areas of expertise in different areas of focus and there's a lot of different ways that this committee can support the organization and so I think it'd be good to.

Elizabeth Corinth: Make sure we're doing all of them, and I think one way to do that would be to kind of have how these subgroups that have those specific focus says.

Elizabeth Corinth: So the areas that i've identified which are you know, based on kind of work that she did to think it through.

Elizabeth Corinth: One would be kind of logistics and operations so that's reviewing and giving feedback on any policies projects and initiatives from from that perspective.

Elizabeth Corinth: Just kind of looking at the plans and making sure that they're really thinking through everything they need to think through and including everything they need to include.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that would be the things that we have currently available for you know that we would always just love to get as many eyes on as possible, because everyone has their own kind of perspectives and knowledge that can contribute to make things more inclusive and more equitable.

Elizabeth Corinth: So we've got the guidelines for the Facebook group.

Elizabeth Corinth: we've got a grievance policy and reporting form and Jules has been working along with trina and some others to develop a restorative johns's restorative restorative justice response team plan so all of those things, you can see, linked here.

Elizabeth Corinth: The sliding scale membership model that I mentioned, is another one that again, you know we'd love to have just feedback and input on in terms of what the levels are in the numbers and also just how we present that.

Elizabeth Corinth: That approach.

Elizabeth Corinth: To people as we're as we're introducing it and then another thing you know that.

Elizabeth Corinth: I think is important to kind of holding ourselves as own organization accountable and really assessing the effectiveness of any initiatives and our work is to collect data right, so making sure that we're tracking you know who is participating, who is in leadership, who is engaged.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that we can see like are we are we reaching by park folks are we reaching.

Elizabeth Corinth: folks with special needs and folks with low income right that under represented groups and are we not only reaching them but continuing to engage them right is there, like a drop off of of engagement that could be a problem, so you know, like really kind of.

Elizabeth Corinth: Collecting that data and assessing and analyzing it to identify where we're doing well and where we need to work.

Elizabeth Corinth: I think is important to being effective in this area, and so you know, having a group that things through that and on the platform, we can collect a fair amount of data in.

Elizabeth Corinth: In on those you know, in terms of demographics and in terms of engagement So what should we be tracking and how should we be tracking it as as one way of.

Elizabeth Corinth: of holding the organization accountable and figuring out where we need to do more work so that would be another area that folks in this committee could contribute, and this would be a good time to start thinking through that.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that would be within that logistics and operations contingent then there's like communications outreach Community engagement is kind of another bucket.

Elizabeth Corinth: And so, currently areas where that where folks with those skills, can contribute would be to in identifying potential board members for recruitment and then, as we work on the outreach campaign for platform invitation to make sure that that's going out broadly.

Elizabeth Corinth: and reaching people and speaking to people where they are.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then also beginning to foster conversations so figuring out kind of the plan and the goals for the Facebook forum and or the process of transitioning that to the platform and what goals will be there.

Elizabeth Corinth: What should happen in the DOJ committee group versus if we want to have kind of like a broader nature justice forum on the platform, and what that might look like and how that might work so that's all work that this again is a good time for.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then another kind of area of focus is on barriers and accessibility.

Elizabeth Corinth: So just thinking through areas for improvement in our existing offerings right now, that would be taking a look at the platform and making recommendations about how it can be more accessible and how it can address specific barriers that folks may be facing.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then.

Elizabeth Corinth: That would be a good place for people who, with specific backgrounds and affiliations and knowledge to like focus on the needs of specific populations to make sure that.

Elizabeth Corinth: That we're counting for and including.

Elizabeth Corinth: folks and then the final kind of bucket isn't education and training.

Elizabeth Corinth: So that would be looking at the actual platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: content and contributing to that especially contributing to the content of like what's that initial orientation that people are getting as they engage in the platform, how are we laying that groundwork to really create the space that we want to create.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then also compiling resources that we can make available on the web website and on the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: So those are kind of the areas where I see this committee being able to do work.

Elizabeth Corinth: And yeah Jules did you want to talk more about the restorative response team.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Just what I put in there that it's a work in progress it's going slower than I do, but i'm i'm learning more and making it a little more robust.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And then I just want to add that you know if y'all have ideas, we need to hear from you, because there's i'm sure there's things that we're not seeing I mean we have kind of a very top down view right now but we're definitely not as bottom up for looking down so.

Jules Beesley (he/him): So we welcome your ideas about things that this company should be focusing on and tasks as well, these are just start that we came up with.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah exactly Thank you Jules.

Elizabeth Corinth: So yeah is there anything that is bubbling up for folks now and also just to say that you know feel free to throw in the chat feel free to also you know email if things come up to you later, you know.

Elizabeth Corinth: This these meetings are not the only time in place to contribute and to you know have conversation.

Brookelyn Rambadt: I think, maybe a big thing too, as we like you said there's going to be an outline there and we're going to invite people to you know to join and create content, I think, maybe a big focus could be like creating content to we want to reach more people.

Brookelyn Rambadt: That maybe haven't come to for school before like more marginalized communities, you know, certain areas of each county that maybe we just didn't we didn't reach yet it's just, I think, from a director perspective, like it's really hard for one person to do that.

Brookelyn Rambadt: to feel like like I felt like I wasn't doing enough and I didn't know what

else to do it's difficult and just maybe.

Brookelyn Rambadt: I think joel's said something about like more of a bottom up approach or somebody said something like that, but like creating content that so that we can do it from like a bottom up.

Brookelyn Rambadt: method versus top down like where everybody can kind of help and because you know some maybe somebody That was a member of my chapter had contacts that.

Brookelyn Rambadt: We could have reached more people but it just like I didn't know how to reach them so cut maybe empowering people the Members, instead of like having.

Brookelyn Rambadt: You know, trying to have leadership do it something like that I don't know if that makes any sense, but the creating content on the platform, so that everybody can kind of be empowered to have for this, and not just leave it to a couple people because it's not going to happen then.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah great and i'm adding that and that's definitely the plan I think it's a much more it's less hierarchical it's more of a networked we're giving you resources and power for you to do this work in the Community in your community and.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And then, making sure that everyone is supported in that, and has tools for doing outreach has.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Like data on you know, like working start collecting zip codes are seems like a small thing, but then we'll know oh look we're not serving anyone in this whole zip code and look out this week, this is a familiar looking disparity.

Jules Beesley (he/him): and Internet and equitable and how do we address that, so I think that that's definitely where we're headed and that's hopefully where it's much more of a network, and it can be more bottom up.

Jules Beesley (he/him): yeah that's the plan.

Jules Beesley (he/him): We have to build it.

Katrina Orlet: i'm wondering about it.

Katrina Orlet: Day back in the fall you guys did interviews with people.

Katrina Orlet: And I don't know if the people that you were doing interviews with.

Katrina Orlet: Our group of people who would be good candidates to review content from a DJ lens.

Katrina Orlet: I know that, like the people who I tried to I hope you were able to connect with at least some of them, I know that they would be people who.

Katrina Orlet: Are from various backgrounds and are really connected with families from all different walks of life and so looking at that group of people, as you know, would they or colleagues up, they have or people in their networks, want to be with.

Katrina Orlet: content and then I don't know if there is I don't know I would so okay coven right everybody wants to be outside because it's the only place you're allowed to be.

Katrina Orlet: And so I you keep seeing all of these outdoor groups that have existed for many of them are relatively young organizations, but all of a sudden they're getting more press they're out there in public they're you know they're more visible.

Katrina Orlet: And so I don't know if there is any type of an exhaustive has there been a list made.

Katrina Orlet: Who are all of these organizations are their attempts to work in partnership with these organizations and how can we say you know we want people from.

Katrina Orlet: Other organizations that are trying to get families outside or that are working with you know black indigenous people of color people from diverse backgrounds people from diverse abilities.

Katrina Orlet: Trying to connect them to the outdoors we need those folks looking at what we're doing, and you know, hopefully, able to participate and contribute in some way, and we can do the same for other people's organizations.

Katrina Orlet: And I, and I think that there is, I am often aware of the tension between top down and bottom up, we want bottom up, we absolutely have got to have, I think brooklyn is so right that there are people who would have had connections.

Katrina Orlet: and have ideas about how to spread the word and maybe didn't see the opportunity of how to do so right.

Katrina Orlet: But we also need to know that we are truly giving best practice information out there, and so you know, look at we want base camp, to be really tight.

Katrina Orlet: You know if we're putting information out there free for school is putting information out there and saying.

Katrina Orlet: This is, you know these are ways that families can be successful connecting with nature and this is how you can change the course of your child's life.

Katrina Orlet: By connecting with nature and we really do want that to be really sound solid information that we know is is connected to principles of human development of childhood education of all that stuff so finding finding the sweet spot between.

Katrina Orlet: We really want feedback from everybody, and we want it to work.

Katrina Orlet: And we want people to have an opportunity to participate, and we also want to know that what we're sharing is stuff that is you know is real.

Katrina Orlet: yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I think that's a really good point intention to bear in mind.

Brett (she/her): yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: never comes back, let us know kyle asked is there a group email.

Elizabeth Corinth: So yeah well there's an email list right of everyone who you know, has ever said they are interested in D I J for free for school and has not yet said stop sending the emails.

Elizabeth Corinth: A lot of those folks you know get the emails and probably ignore them

right because they haven't responded or engaged in any way, but.

Elizabeth Corinth: haven't said stop so we've got an email list there's like 200 something people on I think i'm.

Elizabeth Corinth: A so we can definitely email out to that list I would be hesitant to get like an ongoing you know, to make it like into a listserv or something like that I think what we want is for like ongoing conversation to be on the platform in the DEA jaye committee group.

Kyle Maxwell: yeah so I have to get everyone.

Kyle Maxwell: say something like.

Kyle Maxwell: Oh, you said yes i'm email or whatever.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I mean we do have we do have until.

Kyle Maxwell: 10 people or whatever that.

Elizabeth Corinth: Was.

Kyle Maxwell: But it would go to all 200 people not that 10 or 15 people that have been to meetings recently.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah I mean I certainly can make a list of the 10 or 15.

Elizabeth Corinth: To these meetings, so we can have that but I guess what I would propose for like.

Elizabeth Corinth: How to move forward and like actually kind of logistically start start getting some work done is.

Elizabeth Corinth: To to kind of go to the platform.

Elizabeth Corinth: and get everybody on there, I mean i'll send out an email is one thing right after this kind of to everybody.

Elizabeth Corinth: Saying like here's what we discussed here the areas to get involved, like if you're interested in any of these, let me know so that I just have anyone who wants to be actively involved like I know who those are and we can start putting people together.

Elizabeth Corinth: And so that'll include you know you folks um and.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then you know I would propose that we kind of go to the platform and maybe make specific.

Elizabeth Corinth: Like conversations for each project, where people are tracks for each project, where people can kind of engage and say okay.

Elizabeth Corinth: we're working on this, like what our next steps, what do we need to do what information do we need from the organization to move forward what you know, like.

Elizabeth Corinth: What do we want to prioritize like that that would be kind of my proposal is that from within this group, and anyone else in the broader group who wants to really start digging in and getting involved in some of these projects.

Elizabeth Corinth: We connect people and start conversations in each of those areas, but I would love other suggestions or thoughts on kind of how to move forward from where we are here to actually getting some of this stuff tackled.

Kyle Maxwell: I just think that there has to be some way for this group to feel like a group by communicating so if we can get everyone on that platform, you know, whatever works people here have already.

Kyle Maxwell: shown you know get on to whatever communication, they need to.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Give does that work for everybody, maybe that's the question, so if everybody prefer email or something else, or does go using the base camp.

Kyle Maxwell: i'm fine with email Facebook or base camp.

Brett (she/her): Direct.

excuse.

Brett (she/her): me.

Kyle Maxwell: I guess also like I really like Google docs for collaboratively working on things.

Kyle Maxwell: yeah.

Kyle Maxwell: You kind of need, like a step before that to get things started to the point where they're.

Kyle Maxwell: located on.

Brookelyn Rambadt: The email would be good for updates like what's going on and to keep people in the loop, but maybe I think it would be great to have a group on the platform.

Brookelyn Rambadt: My preference be the platform over Facebook moving forward, but.

Brookelyn Rambadt: that's just my preference, but to have like a group, where we can like talk about this stuff as a group versus I think emails hard for collaborating sometimes but good for updates.

Elizabeth Corinth: And we can link to Google docs within the platform, so you know we've done a little bit of collaborative work.

Elizabeth Corinth: As a board through the rightness at work, training, we did some of that on the platform and so we're able to like create tracks, but then link to Google docs and different things so that.

Elizabeth Corinth: And the working groups to have that kind of format, so I think we can compile and combine some of that.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Maybe there's a way to kind of do a hybrid.

Jules Beesley (he/him): To where are we can just you know we can figure it out like so we can use both because some people prefer email.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Some people want to use platform so maybe there's a way to do both and in a way that maximizes benefits of each.

Jules Beesley (he/him): that's everybody's.

Kyle Maxwell: Well, if you set them all up then.

Kyle Maxwell: People can decide where they end up you know, are they wanting food.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah and the platform does have ways to set up notifications, so that when there's activity on the platform, it does go to your email, so if you're someone who isn't going to go check, but if you get an email about it.

Elizabeth Corinth: Then you can engage and a lot I think there's even a way where you respond within your email, and it goes back to the platform, so I can kind of look into some of the.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Actual base camp.

Jules Beesley (he/him): base camp yeah so yeah if that works if we can get that setup or maybe you will need like a little tutorial or point to that because I need that i've never.

Jules Beesley (he/him): i've never been afraid about, so I think that would help so that way we're getting emails but conversations are having a base camp over I can update and respond to every email, that would be the ideal.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah so what I can do.

Elizabeth Corinth: is basically send out an initial email with you know the link to the recording of this and the link to the notes and you know the the stuff that we went over so that everyone here has access to it, anyone who wasn't able to make it can see.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then just say like you know if you're interested in being involved, let me know and then all make sure that all of those folks including all of you everyone who is here.

Elizabeth Corinth: is able to get onto the platform and all set up some systems in there as a starting place, and then we can kind of experiment and see what's working what's not working and adjust.

Elizabeth Corinth: And figure that out and try to I think you know just form some groups to tackle some tasks see what we've got interested in and capacity and skills to take on at this point.

Elizabeth Corinth: That sounds good any.

suggestions.

Elizabeth Corinth: Alright well feel free you know my emails.

Elizabeth Corinth: Elizabeth court that free for school.org if you have any other things that pop up.

Elizabeth Corinth: After this meeting that you wish, you had said or want to want to add and yeah you'll be getting an email from me shortly with all of that and i'll make sure anyone who's not already in it's not base camp anymore in our outdoors can get on there so.

Elizabeth Corinth: So thank you all so much for for being here for your time for all of your

excellent questions and suggestions and contributions today and leading up to this point really appreciate you all and excited to continue to work with you, moving forward.

yeah.

Brett (she/her): wondering if.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah yeah Spanish so yeah we are looking at at translation of resources and that's something that we've talked about.

Elizabeth Corinth: applying for a specific grants there's specific grants out there for that work, so I think we've got our eyes on some and and so that's kind of the process for that I think would be if we can get a specific grant to support that then we can hire someone who can take that on.

Elizabeth Corinth: And then yeah Spanish would be the first language and then thinking about what other languages, based on you know just numbers and what it's looking like there's need for.

Elizabeth Corinth: But yeah that is a goal to definitely get things translated.

Brett (she/her): and

Brett (she/her): Thank you.

Good.

Brett (she/her): Looking at all the things.

Brett (she/her): As much as I want.

You all.

Brett (she/her): To get started.

Elizabeth Corinth: yeah exactly I know I threw a ton of information at you, which is like what I do a little bit i'm sorry.

Elizabeth Corinth: But yeah definitely so i'm very open to if you process and have other thoughts later, please send them to me and like we yeah we can continue all these conversations.

Jules Beesley (he/him): And I think we definitely send out, you know tasks and calls for people to to take them on.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Like we've just been getting ramped up and we're just now getting to a point where we can start really focusing on that because we're focusing on.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Rebuilding everything getting that going so get look for some things to come soon.

Jules Beesley (he/him): As a lot to do.

Elizabeth Corinth: Okay awesome Thank you all.

Elizabeth Corinth: Thanks.

Elizabeth Corinth: For many of you have contributed a time as well.

Jules Beesley (he/him): Thanks so much everybody.

Jules Beesley (he/him): appreciate y'all my.

Elizabeth Corinth: good night.