**--- Idea Space Meeting #2 ---**

3/19/2021

Attendees: *Alex, Luis, Mason, Max, Rahevin*

*Meeting began 6pm*

**Review Action Items**

1. *Set up KeyBase for repository*

Still on the to-do list

Action Item: Set up KeyBase repository

1. *Use Signal for group communications*

Goal to get everyone in group on Signal before next scheduled meeting, have next meeting on Signal instead of Discord

Action Item: Continue to move everyone in Idea Space onto the Signal platform

**Schedule Next Meeting**

Decided at end of meeting to have next meeting this coming Tuesday

Next Meeting: Tuesday (3/23) at 6pm (on Signal)

**Splash Web Page for Group**

Consensus agreement that an overview web page of some kind is desirable. Contents hard to discuss until more clarity in what this group is and what trying it’s trying to do.  
  
Decided to hold off creating web page until group’s output goals are more concretely defined/understood.

**Defining What This Group Is**

Broad discussion touching on several areas.  
  
Foundational principle: no-one “owes” another person work. This is all at-will effort. Each person can commit time/work of their own free will to various efforts (and partly the goal here is peer support) but this isn’t a job and no-one owes the group work just because, for example, a deadline is coming up. Can revisit this if/when opportunities develop.

Rough Overview of Levels of Involvement and What Is Wanted out of the Endeavor   
  
Came to better understanding of each person’s needs/goals. Seemed to fall into three groups (note: Max came up with these definitions, apologies if anyone feels misrepresented)

1. *Portfolio project development - example work for getting hired*  
   Applies to Mason, Alex, and Max  
     
   2*) Side-hustle (income generating but not with initial goal of primary income / work)*

Applies to Luis

*3) Side-project for interest/fun/support/ect.*  
Applies to Rahevin and Austin

More of a “consulting / give thoughts role” on group projects and okay volunteering as time/interest permits  
  
Note: Shayna not at meeting, maybe figure on this list. Possibly is somewhere in the category 2 range?

Action Item: Check where Shayna falls on this categorization or if needs own category

Common Thoughts on Software Industry

Does seem like a group connection is shared frustration with current state of software development / computing industry. Desire to do better / be better. See what opportunities for that exist. Examine how/why existing issues are the way they are.

Valuing Group Dynamics and Personality

This is meant to be an intentional group. As such, membership is restricted. An aspect of this space is cultivating people who feel (with respect to not being judgemental) reasonable, aligned in thought to some extent, and “get it”. Admittedly a bit left-leaning for the most part if we’re being honest.

Idea Space as a “Project Incubator”

Thought to think of this as a project incubator (though maybe not with some of the Silicon Valley-esque connotations?). A way to get project ideas moving into next steps. Have serious feasibility conversations. Start with actual development and implementation of products/outputs as desired.

**Project Management Tool Suggestions**

Idea to at some point consider a project management tool(s). Something like Asana or Monday software, or a Waterfall or Agile work structure. Can table that until there’s a need but something to think about.   
  
Action Item: Max look at learning more about Agile

**Networking/Outreach News**

Max updated group on a meeting he had with another “project incubator” style group. Opened up a conversation about external collaboration of any kind. Felt inspired that other groups like Idea Space exist. Felt like some of the larger picture values of their group were aligned with ours.

Discussion on Outside Collaboration

As per the other discussion, this is at-will work. No-one speaks for others in the group, especially not on commitment to any sort of project work. Zero obligation.

Pursuing Opportunities

Open to Max aletering others to potential opportunities. But, again, is zero obligation.

**Items for Next Meeting**

Devote majority of meeting to more brainstorming of the ideas list.

*Meeting ended 7pm*