

Advocacy Group “UNITED VOICES 4 SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 29, 2021 7:30P EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 12

Overview: Shared information about the types of nonprofit options available for our group to consider as a future status. We have a new domain called UV4SOR.org. Finalized our first watchdog letter, talked about our CTA commitments and lastly we reviewed/updated our action items.

Notes:

- Due to 4th of July holiday, our next meeting is pushed out by 3 weeks. Next meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30P.
- 06/15/2021 meeting minutes have minor correction and were approved.
- **Old Business**
 - a. Contact Information mass mailings. Project Chairs: Sharon, Melanie and Gail / Volunteers Dawn, Marie and Jim. Marie provided contact information... Shawn to f/u with Jim.
 - b. We are exploring the option for Non-Profit status:
 - i. There are two levels of costs
 - 1. Startup costs (fees, website & design, insurance, etc...)
 - 2. Incorporation fees
 - ii. There are multiple types of nonprofit statuses. The two most common are: 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4).
 - 1. The primary difference between a 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(4) is their ability to lobby and participate in influencing politics.
 - a. 501(c)(4) charities are allowed to participate in lobbying efforts that might help pass or repeal legislation.
 - i. They also are allowed to publicly endorse and promote legislation in order to gain support.
 - b. 501(c)(3)'s are technically permitted to participate in lobbying, the rules are much stricter.
 - i. Although only allowed to allocate about 10% of their total operating budget on lobbying and any violation of those rules could result in a 501(c)(3) being stripped of their nonprofit status.
 - iii. Will need Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Board members.

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- iv. Pros in being a nonprofit:
 - 1. tax exempt, limited liability,

- v. Cons in being a nonprofit:
 - 1. Paper work and admin costs up front
 - 2. Can lose tax status if information is not reported to government in a timely manner
 - 3. Obtaining funding

- c. Domain is finalized and secured: UV4SOR.org.
 - i. Next step is Web Site design with email capability.
 - 1. We have two emails:
 - a. Information
 - b. Admin.
 - 2. Eric is going to be our Web designer.

- d. LOGO is done and uploaded to the FB page.
 - i. Marketing images are now available for use: png, pdf, and jpeg file extensions.
 - ii. We have different types of images to use.
 - iii. Once the website is available the logo files will be available there.

- **New Business:**
 - a. Tonight's meeting:
 - i. Watchdog letter: Review and made final edits; discussed how the letter reads and how it looks.
 - ii. Team decided to keep the information mapping formatting technique.
 - iii. We plan to send the letter via electronically and through the postal service.

 - b. Reviewed/Updated Open Task Issues. Please note the closed items are shaded in gray and are removed by the next meeting.

- **Call To Action (CTA):**
 - a. Finalized watchdog letter edits with open team discussion. .

 - b. Complete the Mailing list, determine how the letter is going to be delivered i.e. electronically, USPS or both; Supplies, stamps, printing paper. CTA for volunteers to help. Establish delivery timeline by our next meeting July 20, 2021.

 - c. UV4SOR CTA Caution Click's Campaign contacting the DOJ about the harms of the registry the starting July 03, 2021 through July 10, 2021. Script will be posted to FB page by Thursday July 01, 2021.

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- **Roundtable:**

1. Welcome New Members – no new members
2. Share “something good!”
 - a. Oregon temp is at 90 degrees down from 103 degrees.
 - b. Heather met with two Senator’s. She brought a lot to their attention. It was a step forward.
 - c. Reset Missouri is full and they put an offer on a new house. Check out their website: <https://resetmissouri.org/> to win a 3-Night Stay at Select Fairmont Locations in the U.S. for 2.

Action items:

Item #	Meeting Date	Description	Owner	Completion Date
1.	6/01/21	Organize Federal & State Judicial leaders, Chair, Ranking member & government contacts compiled by advocacy participants.	Dawn, Gail, Melanie, Sharon	7/20/2021
2.	6/01/21	Identify how advocacy members can find Director of Region of Prisons. Merge with #1.	Heather	6/29/21
3.	6/01/21	Research an Obama administration declaration set forth to all criminals being subjected the CO's deciding or allowance of treatment.	Page	On-Going
4.	6/01/21	Volunteer to research Federal & State Guidelines. Post on f/b.	Shawn	On-Going
5.	6/01/21	All advocacy members can email additional 'Letter' ideas.	Kathy, Sharon, Shawn, Gail	6/29/2021
6.	6/01/21	Draft Letter composed by 6/15/2021 meeting.	Kathy, Sharon, Shawn, Gail	6/15/2021
7.	6/01/21	Provide Nonprofit status.	Shawn	7/20/2021
8.	6/15/21	Identify federal contact & state governors	Dawn	6/27/2021
9.	6/15/21	Provide contacts to receive letter	Jim, Karen, Marie	On-going
10.	6/29/21	Consider having a Board of Directors officers, what responsibilities go with each position, if this might be something of interest.	All	
11.	6/29/21	Add the verbiage under the logo.	Shawn	
12.	6/29/21	Check letter/email format in conjunction with mail merge solution.	Kim	7/20/2021

8:55 – 9:00P Adjourn Meeting Next Meeting Date Tuesday July 20, 2021 7:30P