

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 21

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business
- Introduce items for discussion on New Business
- Group discussion
- Roundtable discussion
- Update Action Items

Notes:

1. 2/15/2022 meeting minutes were approved with no changes and are posted on the [website](#).
2. Overview from 2/1/2022 meeting and a summary of focus for tonight’s meeting.
 - Old Business:
 - Non-Profit Update - Shawn
 - Fundraising - Page Update/Pammy New Project
 - Guest Speakers - Jenny
 - Loved Ones Storytelling Project - Betty
 - Communication Committee Call to Action Letters - Gail, Sharon
 - Committees - Shawn
 - Amy Dickinson Syndicated Columnist - Group
 - New Business:
 - UV4SOR Facebook Group Moderators - Shawn
 - Caution Click Utilizing Scripted Letters from UV4SOR Website - Shawn
 - UV4SOR Website “Contact Us” Feature - Shawn, Sharon
 - Supreme Court Candidate Ketanji Brown Jackson - Gail, Jenny
 - Guest Speaker Feedback - Group
 - Open Task Issues (review from meeting minutes) - Group
3. Group Discussion:
 - Non-Profit Update:
 - Final edits of bylaws are being reviewed by board members, 90% complete!
 - We are filing the 501C certification with the IRS as DBA UV4SOR.
 - The Articles of Incorporation have been submitted and certified!
 - Board meeting was held on 2/15/22, the next meeting is set for Sunday, 3/13/22 @ 8:00 p.m. EST.

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- Fundraising Update:
 - Page’s donation campaign successfully earned proceeds which will be donated to UV4SOR. Anyone interested in a private Holistic Counseling/Trauma Therapy Session can contact her via email at pagenall@yahoo.com.
 - Pammy and Sharon introduced the idea of soliciting recipes from our LO to be incorporated into a recipe book which can initially be on our website with a later plan to publish. We will add this to our Action Items.

- Guest Speakers Update:
 - Jenny is keeping in touch with [Anthony Gay](#), [Tosha Smith Mills](#), and [Chris Pelloski](#) on the possibilities of them being a guest at one of our upcoming meetings.
 - No change in progress with Tosha.
 - Chris is still pondering the possibilities with us as he determines his legal obligations.
 - Anthony is holding a zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 8, topic is “The Fight for Social Justice”. Jenny will email and post details.

- Loved Ones Storytelling Project Update:
 - Betty is working out details to form a committee for this project and to determine a priority list for the various stages to implement the project.
 - Kim, Lisa, Patricia, and Pammy are interested in joining the committee to help with developing the vision and create a solid foundation for the campaign.
 - This is a huge opportunity for awareness and education. The basis for changes in legislation is to humanize the issues we are concerned with along with providing researched facts and statistics regarding the registry, sentencing, and incarceration.
 - This will be an ongoing project with the committee and group members involvement.

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- Communications Committee Update:
 - Gail and Sharon reported that all three of our Call to Action (CTA) letters have been mailed to all contacts. Individual versions of each letter are posted on the website and group posts were made encouraging members to send the personal letters made available to them.
 - Discussion about providing versions of these letters on the website which can be sent to our LO so that they can also participate in mailing. This idea was well received and will be further discussed in the Communications Committee.

- Committees Discussion:
 - Shawn reported on our need to create more committees to help delegate tasks and responsibilities for advocacy CTAs and to encourage member participation.
 - Suggestions for the type of committees needed include Research (for project support), Fundraising, and Marketing/PR (for developing media contacts and lining up speakers and guests for our meetings).
 - We will need committee heads and volunteers for each committee. This will be an ongoing process with group involvement and ideas to encourage group members to become more proactive in our projects.

- Group members who participated in sending letters to Amy Dickinson (the syndicated columnist who gave uninformed advice in her national column) reported that none had received any response from her.

- Shawn discussed the emerging need for moderators for our Facebook group due to the growth we are experiencing. We need to make sure that our group/page stays consistent with our advocacy focus.
 - Kimberly, Nafisa, and Jackie have volunteered to be Moderators, thank you!
 - Admins will develop guidelines for the Moderators and add them as such to the group.
 - A post will be made in the group identifying and welcoming the new moderators.

- Shawn received notification from Caution Click that they had utilized our First Step Act [individual scripted letter](#) for a mail blast from their group. Our website and letters are gaining the attention of other groups. Shawn will follow up with them to see how they came across our letter and how we can effectively work together in the future.

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- An email was received from our “Contact Us” link on the website from a man with an inquiry about resources for employment.
 - Suggestions were received from Ken and Pammy who will forward information to Shawn on “[Honest Jobs](#)” and “[Fair Shake](#)”.
 - Sharon will reply to the inquiry with this information and an invitation for him to attend our meetings and to keep us informed of his progress.
 - Discussion on developing a page on the website for reentry/employment and legal resources.
 - Discussion about the current Supreme Court nominee [Kentanji Brown Jackson](#).
 - Gail brought up researching more about this candidate’s views on the registry after reading and posting [an article](#) about how she “once argued that the judicial system is unfair to sexual predators” and if this article’s headline is misleading.
 - Jenny will follow up with Illinois Voices and NARSOL to clarify what actions they are contemplating and what their views are as we consider further research and weigh potential group actions and consequences regarding advocacy on this nominee.
 - Feedback on our guest speaker at our last meeting, Derek Logue from [Once Fallen](#), was positive. Comments were that he is driven, he has tenacity and keeps on fighting. Having diversity with our guest speakers is valuable and educational for all of us. Shawn did a great job of moderating the meeting and keeping the discussions on track.
 - Reviewed open Task issues and updates.
4. Roundtable:
- New member welcome and introductions: We had six new attendees join in the meeting. Each took a moment to introduce themselves and were welcomed by the group. They are all getting a good feel for our group and are interested in learning how to be involved in advocacy.

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- If time, share “something good!”
 - Rita walked the Rock ‘n Roll 1/2 Marathon on the Vegas strip in 3 hours, 52 minutes. A half marathon is 13.1 miles. Congratulations!!
 - Jenny wrote an article for an activist’s registry manual that is being published! Her article is about how to start advocating for registry reform, the steps she followed and how she connects with others. We will be watching for this!
 - Lisa’s brother finally obtained a transfer from Elkton to Fort Dix, and they now have some glimmers of hope! He has a counselor helping him. This is great news to hear!

See Action Items Below:

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Action items:

Item #	Meeting Date	Description	Owner	Completion Date
1.	8/3/21	Update the contact lists as elections occur.	Dawn, Gail, Melanie, Sharon	On-Going
4.	8/3/21	Research Federal (complete) and State (ongoing) Guidelines. Work to narrow down specific subjects for State, such as the registry. Post on the website.	Shawn, Sharon	On-Going
7.	1/11/22	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 3/13/2022.	Shawn	3/15/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description.	Shawn	04/2022
19.	10/12/21	Documentary Series and Guest Speakers follow-up.	Jenny	Ongoing
21	11/9/21	Page's Donation Fundraiser Campaign.	Page	Completed
22.	2/1/22	Betty's Letter Writing Campaign and Committee.	Betty	Ongoing
23.	12/7/21	Work to tweak website for emails to be forwarded to Shawn and Sharon and Gail. Review list of changes with Eric.	Eric, Shawn, Sharon	4/1/2022
25.	1/11/22	Establish Communications Committee with volunteers to initiate and coordinate various projects. Mail current Call to Action letters and post on website.	Gail, Sharon	Completed
26.	3/1/22	Hold meeting with Facebook group Admins, develop moderator guidelines, add Moderators to FB group.	Shawn, Sharon	4/1/2022
27.	3/1/22	Update group on the ALI meeting being held on 3/2 with results regarding proposed changes to the Model Penal Code for Sexual Offenses.	Gail	3/15/2022
28.	3/1/22	Post in group to introduce recipes project for fundraising and solicit recipes from group members' LO. for publication initially on website and potentially later as a book when funds allow.	Pammy, Sharon	3/15/2022
29.	3/1/22	Determine committees needed, establish committees and people to head each one.	Group	Ongoing
30.	3/1/22	Supreme Court nominee follow up to determine group research and potential action.	Jenny, Gail	3/15/2022
31.	3/1/22	Update website adding new pages and drop-down menus as needed.	Shawn, Sharon	Ongoing

9:15 - 9:30 p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST.