

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

## General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM (KJDV)

Attendees: 28

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business will be discussed at our next meeting on 5/24/2022
- Information about tonight’s Guest Speaker Presentation
- Update of Action/Open Task Items will take place at our next meeting

Notes:

1. 4/26/2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved and are posted on the [website](#).
2. Welcome and introduction of our guest speaker, Dr. Emily Horowitz.
  - [Emily Horowitz, Ph.D.](#), is an associate professor of sociology at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. She serves as a director at the [National Center for Reason and Justice](#), an organization that supports the falsely accused and/or wrongfully convicted and works for child protective laws based on science and research. She is on the advisory committee for the regional advocacy group [Restorative Action Alliance](#) and she was a featured speaker at [NARSOL’s conference](#) last year. She authored the book “[Protecting Our Kids? How Sex Offender Laws are Failing Us](#)”. You can watch this [debate from 2018](#) where she makes a compelling case for abolishing the registry.
  - Emily is conducting research for a new book to explore the difficulties of people living on the registry and the effects on their families and extended families.
  - Emily’s research includes difficulties of housing, emotional weight of the registry, employment/unemployment, and the increase of harassment, including hostility on the political plane and the use of the word pedophile to describe colleagues.
3. Question and Answer session and discussion.
  - Emily presented her work and then opened the floor to the attendees to ask questions or discuss any topic on issues regarding sexual offenses.
  - Various discussions ensued about the registry, advocating, and the mental health aspects relating to those who are involved with sexual offenses.
  - Emily’s closing advice was to collaborate with reform groups and victim and sexual violence advocacy groups. Educate where you are.
  - Emily is open to hear personal stories and experiences and can be emailed at [ehorowitz@sfc.edu](mailto:ehorowitz@sfc.edu).

9:00 p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST.

See Action/Open Task Items Below for Next Meeting:

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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, Kim H.	On-Going
7.	1/11/22	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 5/15/2022.	Shawn	5/24/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description.	Shawn	5/24/2022
19.	10/12/21	Documentary Series and Guest Speakers follow-up.	Jenny, Shawn	Ongoing
22.	2/1/22	Betty's Letter Writing/Story Campaign and Committee.	Betty	Ongoing
23.	12/7/21	Work to tweak website for emails to be forwarded to Shawn, Sharon, Kim and Gail. Review list of changes with Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	5/24/2022
27.	3/1/22	Update group on the ALI changes to the Model Penal Code for Sexual Offenses after their next meeting.	Gail	5/24/2022
28.	3/1/22	Post in group regularly about our recipe book fundraising project and solicit recipes from group members' LO. Publication details are TBD.	Pammy, Sharon	Ongoing
29.	3/1/22	Determine committees needed, establish committee heads, and solicit volunteers to join each one.	Group	Ongoing
31.	3/1/22	Update website adding new pages, buttons, and drop-down menus as needed.	Shawn, Sharon	Ongoing
32.	3/29/22	Research making appointments with elected officials to be scheduled during the March 2023 Washington, DC event.	Jenny, Shawn	6/2022
33.	4/12/22	Compile group member information for a spreadsheet to identify members by state, gather contact information, establish interests and skills of each person, and create a mentoring program.	Kim H.	Ongoing
34.	4/26/22	Follow and update on the Reentry 2030 project and future events.	Rita	Ongoing