

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 20

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business
- Introduce items for discussion in New Business
- Group discussion
- Update Action/Open Task Items
- Roundtable discussion

Notes:

1. 5/24/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Overview from the 5/24/2022 meeting and a summary of focus for tonight's meeting.
 - Old Business:
 - Non-Profit Update - Shawn
 - 50 State Contact/Coalition Project - Kimberly H.
 - No More Silence Project - Betty
 - Communication Committee - Gail
 - Mental Health Development Program - Page
 - New Business:
 - Anti-Registry Activists Manual Distribution - Jenny
 - UV4SOR T-shirts - Jenny
 - PHD Update - Pammy (see Something Good below)
 - NARSOL Conference - Shawn
 - Open Task Issues (review from meeting minutes) - Group
3. Group Discussion:
 - Non-Profit Update:
 - We are preparing for filing the 501c3 certification with the IRS as United Voices for Sex Offense Reform DBA UV4SOR. The filing will be submitted once we have sufficient funds.
 - The PayPal account is set up!
 - Our web developer will link our Donate button on the website to the PayPal account.
 - The previous board meeting was held on 5/15/22; the next meeting is set for Sunday, 6/12/22 @ 8:00 p.m. EST.

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- 50 State Contact/Coalition Project:
Kim H. updated on the living document capturing names, cities, states, and emails of the 465 members of UV4SOR. The purpose is to create coalitions within each state to be able to send a consistent message of sex offense reform and to build a mentorship program to support one another. She discussed the logistics of reaching out to group members and how to establish a comfort level and generate excitement for advocating. Anyone who is interested in viewing the document or volunteering as a mentor can contact her for more details.
- Loved Ones Storytelling Project Update:
Betty has final edits for a UV4SOR website page, “No More Silence” story challenge and will present it at the next general meeting. The motivation behind the project was spurred by observing members of groups who needed a place to share their stories without shame and embarrassment. The goal is to show the humanness of everyone touched by sexual offenses and use stories to positively influence lawmakers, decision-makers, and court prosecutors. She has included the release form and guidelines for how to tell a great story.
- Communication Committee Update:
Gail provided an update on the committee’s progress with letters being edited and mailed. A letter to FAMM encouraging them to increase and intensify their advocacy efforts to affect change and criminal justice reform, on behalf of individuals convicted of sex offenses and their loved ones, will be mailed this week. The Protect Act/Senator Hawley letter was completed and sent. Current projects involve a follow up to the First Step Act (FSA) letter, contacting the John Walsh organization regarding their opposition to the ALI’s recommended changes to the Model Penal Code, and looking into a recent Presidential executive order that may tie into the FSA issues.
- Mental Health Development Project:
Page updated her project of a working script addressing self-improvement with an emphasis on mental health and healing for those who are in or outside the walls and will be available to family and friends. She is looking for volunteers to join with her in forming a committee and will make a post in the group. Billie and Pammy are interested in participating.
- Jenny has copies of [The Anti-Registry Activist Manual: A Guide to Effective Advocacy](#) book to distribute. She would like to send copies to any contacts at law schools and asks that anyone with information or ideas contact her. She has a prototype for a UV4SOR T-shirt and will discuss details with the board about how to market this. Gail suggested also making canvas tote bags with our logo. Jenny will update at the next meeting.

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- Shawn will contact all UV4SOR members who are attending the NARSOL conference and will arrange a time for a face-to-face meet and greet. If anyone is attending the conference who was not at the meeting, please email Shawn at contact@uv4sor.org.
- Reviewed Action Items/Open Task Issues and Updates (details below).

4. Roundtable:

- New Member Welcome and Introduction. Welcome to Billie from Odon, Indiana. Her son has been in county for two years and will be sentenced to state. She is pursuing a master's degree in Social Work; she was motivated to get her degree after her son's arrest and she witnessed the treatment of those with sex offense charges.
- Share Something Good:
 - Pammy was dealing with a financial aid reimbursement problem relating to her PhD studies. The university not only resolved the issue but is going to pay for her tuition for the next semester! She will now be able to make a donation to UV4SOR, applause and thank you to Pammy.
 - Kathy has completed radiation treatment for breast cancer! Congratulations to Kathy who has faced this challenge with grace and dignity and has been an inspiration to all of us.
 - Page spoke with Larry Levine who is a prison consultant, and he was impressed to hear about our group, and he expressed encouragement about the subject of addressing mental health issues.
 - Jenny's friend who was on life support has turned around and is making progress.
 - Shawn confirmed that we have speakers confirmed for our July and August meetings. The guest on July 26th will be author [Bonnie Burkhardt](#), [“Manufacturing Criminals: Fourth Amendment Decay in the Electronic Age”](#) and the guest in August will speaker Kathie Gourlay.

9:00 p.m. Adjourn Meeting.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST.

See Action/Open Task Items Below:

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Action/Open Task 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, Kim H.	On-Going
7.	Ongoing	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 6/12/2022.	Shawn	6/28/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description.	Shawn	6/28/2022
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, and Kim H. Review list of changes with our website designer Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	6/28/2022
27.	3/1/22	Update group on the ALI changes to the Model Penal Code for Sexual Offenses after their next meeting.	Gail	Completed
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	6/28/2022
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