

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM” General Meeting Minutes (with Guest Speaker)

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM (kdv)

Attendees: 14

Overview:

- Updates to Old Business will be discussed at our next general meeting (with no guest speaker) on 8/23/2022
- Protocol for the meeting procedures with the speaker and for asking questions
- Information about tonight’s guest speaker and introduction
- Update Action/Open Task Items will take place at our meeting on 8/23/2022

Notes:

1. 7/26/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Introduction and welcome to our guest speaker Kathie Gourlay
 - a. Kathie has been involved in justice reform since 1990. She began volunteering in the local prison’s GED program and has continued as an advocate with Michigan Citizens for Justice and Friends of Restorative Justice.
 - b. Fifteen years ago Kathie’s son was arrested for a sexual offense. He has served his time and is currently working on his Ph.D.
 - c. Kathie presented a power point on the process of restorative justice, restorative conference, and healing circles. She strongly recommended watching a 3-minute Youtube video by Danielle Sered, ED, Common Justice, “Restorative Justice: Why Do We Need It? Brave New Films.” [Restorative Justice: Why Do We Need it? • BRAVE NEW FILMS \(BNF\) - YouTube](#).
 - d. A link provided for another resource and event offered on August 10, 2022, <https://thedisputeresolutioncenter.org/events/acaseforrestorativejusticeeducationseries/>.
 - e. A link provided for data, <https://www.c4rj.org/what-is-restorative-justice/success-data>.
 - f. Contact information for Kathie, wash@micitizensforjustice.com.
3. Group question and answer session and discussion.
Various questions were asked about restorative justice.

9:08 p.m. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting Date Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST (This will be a normal general mtg.)

See Action/Open Task Items Below:

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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.	Ongoing	Provide updated Non-profit status after board meeting on 7/17/2022.	Shawn	8/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach PayPal account to the donate button and add non-profit description.	Shawn	8/2022
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	8/2022
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	8/2022
33.	4/12/22	Advocacy Participation Project: 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