

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

## General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 26

### Overview

- Review the last regular meeting
- Update Action/Open Task Items

### Notes

- 8/23/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#)
- Non-profit update – Shawn L.
- Upcoming September and October speakers – Shawn L.
- Advocacy Participation Project – Kim H.
- Recipe book – Pammy Jean D.
- No More Silence – Betty B.
- UV4SOR Facebook Moderators – Shawn L.

### New Business

1. Importance of having a power of attorney (POA) – Page N.
2. Open Task Issues – Group

### Group Discussion

1. Non-Profit – Shawn L.
  - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 09/11/22.
  - Non-Profit Certification documents have been filed and the fees have been paid!
  - The donate button is activated on the website and donations can be made through PayPal, check, or money order.
  - Once we have official confirmation of certification, we can add Amazon Smile for additional donations.
2. Upcoming Speaker/s – Shawn L.
  - Dr. Jason Newsome will speak to UV4SOR at our next meeting on 09/20/2022. He will discuss his experience providing therapy to persons convicted of sex offenses and to those who have been offended, and his work to provide housing assistance to the population returning to their communities. He is a licensed professional counselor and the President & CEO of [DaySpring Counseling](#) in Dunbar, WV. He has a free E-Book available at <http://www.drjasonnewsome.com/free-ebook/>
  - Pammy Jean Desin will be our speaker on October 18th to discuss her project The Plate, the Ladder, the Circle: Taking Control of Your Narrative.
  - Talks are continuing with Walt Pavlo and others as possible speakers in 2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Project – Kim H.
  - Kim H. reviewed and updated the progress on the project and the creation of state coalitions.
  - There is ongoing work to update the FB membership. Currently Kim has identified 343 members by state, with 49 states represented – at this time we are only missing the state of MT. The largest representation by states are FL, TX, IL, PA, and CA. There are a total of 556 members on the working spreadsheet.
  - Jenny is reviewing and sending recommendations to Kim regarding her drafted information for forming an advisory board.
  - Kim is reviewing the best way to support members and ways to provide various levels of training for members to have a voice through state charters. We have state volunteers for NC, SC, PA, and IN.

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4. Recipe book – Pammy Jean D.
  - There are a total of 62 recipes collected which have all been typed and formatted. The estimated number of total recipes for the book will be 75-80.
  - Those submitting recipes need to include their initials or first name and last initial along with the facility name so that each recipe can be credited. Recipes should also include anything they used to measure, cut, or otherwise prepare the recipe.
  - Several members have indicated that their LO has interest in submitting artwork for the book. Pammy will make a post in the group with guidelines for submitting artwork. Please message Pammy or Sharon with any questions.
  - Pammy will discuss decisions about wording and art for the cover and back of the book with the board and will provide updated information at the general meeting on 10/4/2022.
  - The goal is to have the recipe book available for purchase prior to the holiday season.
5. No More Silence Project – Betty B.
  - Betty updated the group on the progress of this story telling project. She has completed the final edits to be reviewed and will make a post in the group explaining the project and to solicit stories.
  - The Communications Committee will use information from these stories in conjunction with our advocacy letters.
  - Shawn and Sharon will work on updating the website to add a section for this project.
6. UV4SOR FB Moderators – Shawn L.
  - Please welcome Elena and Pammy Jean as our two new group moderators.
  - The admin/moderator team has finalized new membership questions and rules which will be updated on the group FB page this week. The team will work this week during their meeting on 9/7/2022 to initiate management guidelines to ensure that the page is operating within the advocacy vision of UV4SOR.
7. Importance of having a POA – Page N.
  - Page initiated a discussion on the importance of our incarcerated LO having a power of attorney. A power of attorney is a legal document by which a person gives someone else authority to make financial or legal decisions on their behalf. Each state has various requirements for this document.
  - All members are encouraged to discuss this with their LO and seek legal advice for preparation of this document in their state. Many jails and prisons have the forms available and may also have a notary public available to notarize the document.
8. Open Task issues and updates – Group  
See Action/Open Task Items below.

### Roundtable

1. New member introductions  
Arax from CA and Susan from NC introduced themselves and their journeys.
2. Share “something good!”
  - Kim H. is working on supporting her monarch butterflies, several are due to emerge soon.
  - Charles shared that he will off parole on 9/16 and that he is getting married next month!
  - Sharon is expecting her second great-grandchild.

8:55 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

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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 9/11/2022.	Shawn	10/4/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach Amazon Smile account to the donate page and add non-profit description.	Shawn	10/2022
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 contact form submissions to be forwarded to the UV email account. Review list of changes with our website designer Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	10/2022
28.	3/1/22	Post in group regularly about our recipe book fundraising project, solicit recipes and artwork 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. Update at 10/4/22 meeting.	Jenny, Shawn	Ongoing
33.	4/12/22	Advocacy Participation Project: Compile group member information for a spreadsheet to identify members by state, gather contact information, establish the interests and skills of each person, and create a mentoring program. Initiate volunteers to head each state coalition.	Kim H.	Ongoing
34.	4/26/22	Follow and update on the Reentry 2030 project and future events.	Rita	Ongoing