

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 18

Overview

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

Notes

- 9/20/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#)
- Non-profit update – Jenny L.
- Upcoming October speakers – Pammy Jean D.
- Advocacy Participation Project update - Jenny L.
- Recipe book – Pammy Jean D.
- Communication Committee update – Gail L.

New Business

1. Open Task Issues – Group

Group Discussion

1. Non-Profit – Jenny L.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 10/9/22.
 - Non-Profit Certification documents have been filed; we are waiting for the Certification to be awarded. We are down 30 days of the 180-day waiting period.
2. Upcoming Speaker/s – Pammy Jean D.
 - 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. Pammy will discuss the philosophy behind this project/workshop which can help people find their own voice and power and give confidence in decision-making.
 - Talks are continuing with Walt Pavlo and others as possible speakers in 2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Project Update – Jenny L.
 - Jenny L. reviewed and updated the progress on the project and the creation of state coalitions.
 - The State Coalition Charter has been drafted and submitted to the UV4SOR Board for review.
 - The next steps include, but are not limited to finalizing the charter, creating an advisory board, and creating a state coalition membership announcement.
 - Kim H. will give an update on the project and the ongoing work to update the FB membership at the meeting on 11/1/2022.

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4. Recipe book – Pammy Jean D.
 - Several members have indicated that their LO has interest in submitting artwork for the book. Pammy will make another post in the group to inform members and encourage any to submit artwork from their LO. Please message Pammy or Sharon with any questions.
 - Pammy, Shawn, and Sharon will review the publishing website and discuss decisions about wording, art, and colors for the cover and back of the book with the board.
5. Communication Committee Update – Gail L.
 - Gail updated the group on the completion of a Myths and Facts document which will be added to the website as an advocacy resource, and it can be included with call-to-action letters. Discussion about how to use this information for advocacy in personal letters.
6. Open Task issues and updates – Group
See Action/Open Task Items below.

Roundtable

1. New member introductions
Savannah B. and Jay D. introduced themselves and their journeys.
2. Share “something good!”
 - An B. shared that her oldest grandson recently got married.
 - Elena A. shared that her son got into a new cell with a window and has a good cellmate.
 - Pammy spoke about being mindful of how we treat people with love and no conditions.
 - Jenny’s new job may enable her to deal more with IL state registry issues.

9:05 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. EST. This meeting will feature our very own Pammy Jean Desin as our guest speaker!

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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.	Ongoing	Research Federal and State Guidelines. Work to narrow down specific subjects for each 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	11/1/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach Amazon Smile account to the donate page and add non-profit description.	Shawn	11/2022
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.	Ongoing	Work on website for contact form submissions to be forwarded to the UV email account. Review list of changes with our website designer Eric.	Shawn, Sharon	11/2022
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.	Ongoing	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