

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 19

Overview

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

Notes

- 10/18/2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#)
- Non-profit update – Shawn L.
- Upcoming speakers for 2023 – Shawn L.
- Advocacy Participation Committee update – Kim H.
- Communication Committee update – Gail L.

New Business

1. Christmas Greeting Campaign – Shawn L.
2. Halloween/Registry Awareness – Hope S.
3. Open Task Issues – Group

Group Discussion

1. Non-Profit – Shawn L.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 11/6/2022.
 - Non-Profit Certification documents have been filed; we are waiting for the official certification to be awarded. We are down 60 days of the 180-day waiting period and hoping to have it by January.
 - Safer Society was added to our [advocacy network](#). This organization has a comprehensive list of nationwide licensed mental health treatment providers focusing on the sexual assault and offender community.
2. Upcoming Speaker/s – Shawn L.
 - Walt Pavlo will be our speaker on January 24, 2023. Walt is an author and reporter for [Forbes Magazine](#). He is the founder and president of Prisonology, LLC which is an expert firm with a concentration on policy related to federal incarceration. <http://prisonology.com/about-us/>
 - Talks are continuing with others as possible speakers in 2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Committee Update – Kim H.
 - Kim H. reviewed and updated the progress on the State Coalitions Project, reaching out to state leader volunteers, creating an advisory board, and a membership announcement.
 - The State Coalition Charter has been drafted and submitted to the UV4SOR Board for review.
 - There are potential leaders for nine states: AL, CA, IN, NC, NM, PA, SC, TX, IL.
 - Kim H. will give an update on the project and the ongoing work to update the FB membership at the meeting on 11/15/2022.

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4. Communication Committee Update – Gail L.
Gail updated the group on the completion of a Myths and Facts document which has been added to the website as an advocacy resource, and it can be included with group and individual call-to-action letters. Discussion about how to use this information for advocacy in personal letters and as a resource for talking points.
5. Christmas Greeting Campaign – Shawn L.
Shawn reviewed the campaign from last year when participating members sent holiday wishes to those who are incarcerated. An email will be sent out and the campaign will be announced in the Facebook group explaining the project. A request will be made for volunteers and for names/details of those who would like to receive greetings from members who volunteer to send them. The spreadsheet from last year will be updated and shared with the volunteers.
6. Halloween/Registry Awareness – Hope S.
Hope raised awareness about Halloween and the public, encouraging everyone to contact their state representatives about the restrictions for those on the registry.
7. Open Task issues and updates – Group
(See Action/Open Task Items below)

Roundtable

1. New member introductions
No new members attended this meeting.
2. Elena brought attention to and discussed a [petition](#) that was started by the [Florida Action Committee](#) which is asking the UN to “Declare Public Sex Offender Registration in the United States a Violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).”
3. Share “something good!”
 - Pammy started a new job today!
 - Hope’s husband is down to 36 months on paper!
 - Shawn and her husband are signed up for the [WAR event](#) in Washington, D.C. which is from 3/5/2023 through 3/7/2023, and they will be celebrating their son’s 30th birthday on the steps of the Capitol!

Next meeting date is Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. EST. This will be the final general meeting for 2022.

9:05 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.

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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 11/6/2022.	Shawn	11/15/2022
15.	12/7/21	Web Design Changes: Attach Amazon Smile account to the donate page and add non-profit description.	Shawn	1/2023
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	Ongoing
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, D.C. event. Update at January 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