

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 16

Overview for Group Discussion

- Review the last regular meeting
- Board Updates
- Committee Updates from Chairpersons/Spokespersons
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Review of Last Meeting - Group
 - The 5/2/2023 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Board Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
 - Now that we are an official 501(c)(3) organization, we are starting to receive some donations!
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 5/21/2023.
 - There will not be a general meeting on 5/30/2023. Then, resuming the bi-weekly schedule, meetings in June will be on 6/13/2023 and 6/27/2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Committee – Kim H.
 - Kim reported that we have added five new members to the FB group.
 - She is continuing to review previous UV4SOR emails to identify members who have indicated interest in being involved. She will reach out to those members to inquire about their interests in volunteering as state coalition leaders and/or other upcoming activities.
4. State Coalitions Committee – Kim H.
 - The State Coalitions group leaders’ next meeting will be on 5/22/2023.
 - The group is compiling survey questions as they intend to create a survey to gain insights into our membership. Once compiled, they will share the questions and reach out to others who have offered help in reviewing and creating the survey.
 - Jenny (IL) is compiling a PowerPoint presentation to develop training guidelines which will be presented to the board once it is in the final stages.
5. Call to Action (CTA) Committee – Elena A.
 - Elena reported that the Florida Action Committee ([FAC](#)) was thankful for the assistance provided by UV4SOR members to help defeat the laws that they were fighting against.
 - The committee is working to address Michigan’s law that requires a lifetime tether and will reach out to Kim to inform our Michigan members. The committee has drafted a letter regarding changing the language of the law and addressing a pathway for relief from the lifetime requirement.

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6. Communication Committee – Gail L.
 - Gail reported that the team will investigate the status of the [American Law Institute's](#) (ALI) approved revisions of the Model Penal Code for sexual offenses and will work on a letter to judiciary committee members to encourage adoption of the recommended changes.
 - The committee continues to research any action being planned by the federal [Second Chance Task Force](#) and other committees that were formed during Second Chance Month.
7. Fundraising Committee – Shawn L. (for Rita B.)
 - The fundraising project with [Avon](#) has been extended to run through June 6th.
 - This fundraiser has currently raised \$100.00.
8. Mental Health Committee – Pammy D.
 - The committee held a meeting on 5/14/23.
 - They are documenting a foundation for the MH team.
 - They have developed interview questions for anyone interested in joining the MH team to ensure that qualifications and values align with their mission and vision.
9. No More Silence Committee – Betty B.
 - Betty is creating a spreadsheet to document information from stories that have been submitted.
 - She is working on an efficient process for keeping files associated with the spreadsheet.
10. PR/Marketing Committee – Shawn L.
 - Two speakers are confirmed for upcoming meetings.
 - Licensed psychologist Dr. [Keith Hersch, PhD](#), will be our guest on 6/27/2023. He will discuss his practice, which involves treating persons with sexual behavior problems, and his experience working with the NC Department of Corrections.
 - Dwayne Daugherty will be our guest on 7/25/2023. He is the Executive Director of [NCRSOL](#) and will speak on perfecting a five-minute elevator speech to help members find their voice for advocacy.
 - Jenny is working on securing a guest speaker for an August meeting.
 - The board hosted a group Spring Fling/cocktail hour on 5/12/2023. There was a scavenger hunt and prizes were awarded to the winners. Those attending reported enjoying the social hour and the opportunity for informal interaction.
11. Grant Writing Committee – Shawn L.
 - The formation of this team is TBD. Shawn discussed the need to recruit a team leader and to reach out to members for qualified volunteers to form a team.
 - Melanie discussed establishing a process for grant applications and the first step of determining an “ask”. She will review a database of available grants.

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1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

Ganit is in Indiana and her husband is a registered citizen. She has experience as a clinical therapist.

2. Share Something Good

- Gail’s son decided to enroll in the SOTP and attended his first class. He was impressed with the introduction by the facilitator. The class is held twice a week.
- Melanie is finally getting to visit her son soon!
- Shawn’s son was granted parole from the state and will be moving to the BOP to serve his federal sentence.
- Jenny had her six-month evaluation at work and is certified in her current position as a state employee legal guardian representative. She can take the national board certification in September!

The next meeting date is Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:48 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.