

Minutes from the Louisiana CURE General Meeting..... February 16, 2016

Attending (11): Avis Henderson, Debra Sheehan, Linda Lala Duscoe, Cammie Maturin, Jenny Crawford, Bill Smith, Jay Jackson, Carl Taylor, Linda Fjeldsjo, Check Yancy, Fr. Dan Krutz

The meeting began with a moment of silence and was followed by the introduction of two new guests/members...Cammie Maturin and Jenny Crawford.

President Checo Yancy announced that the reunion of formerly incarcerated inmates (20 years or longer) will be in Ponchatoula, La. on Saturday, March 19th.

Checo also mentioned that the annual La. CURE Legislative workshop will be held on Saturday, February 27th at the Catholic Charities building. Debra Sheehan was coordinating the food for the event.

PAR booklets have been ordered for the 2016 Legislative session.

Cammie Maturin presented a proposed bill that she is trying to get introduced in the upcoming session of the legislature that is similar to the earlier 20/45 bill. (Serving 20 years and at least 45 years old).

Debra Sheehan mentioned that she may be holding off on the NO ACTION bill.

Fr. Dan Krutz talked about the "Welcome Home" program to get more churches involved in re-entry. This year's date is May 29th 3:30 to 5:30 pm at Southern University. He mentioned that Archbishop Greg Aymond from New Orleans gave a wonderful talk concerning the 10 reasons churches should get involved.

Linda Fjeldsjo mentioned that she checked the Legislative Bill Index and noticed that not many bills had been introduced yet. Checo asked members to continue checking the Legislative website to notice if any new bills get introduced.

Bill Smith mentioned that Beth Townsend publishes Christian Magazine and that would be a good resource for publicity.

Linda Duscoe brought up the topic of "splintering" meaning that so many groups are working for criminal justice but not that many are large enough to be effective.

Carl Taylor asked about the emphasis being placed on educating inmates if not many of them are being released.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7 PM. Don't forget about the workshop on February 27th!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jackson,
Secretary