

Minutes from the Louisiana CURE General Meeting..... June 14, 2016

Attending (18): Avis Henderson, Debra Sheehan, Linda Lala Duscoe, Cammie Maturin, Jennifer Crawford, Jay Jackson, Linda Fjeldsjo, Checo Yancy, Amy Dozier, Linda Reed, Betty Carter, Turishchera Coleman, Stephanie Gaskill, Stephanie Smith, Amanda Gautreau, Brenda Schank, Kelly Garrett, Tracy Garcia

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

Checo Yancy announced that House Bill 802 is scheduled to be signed by governor John Bel Edwards on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Checo asked for a motion to have the May, 2016 meeting minutes approved. The motion was made by Linda Duscoe and seconded by Betty Carter.

Cammie Maturin will make a Certificate of Appreciation for Foster Campbell, who serves on the Public Service Commission and has been a maverick for more reasonable phone rates for incarcerated inmates.

Checo mentioned that a committee had been formed, at the recommendation of James Windom, to discuss getting things ready for the 2017 legislative session. This new committee will be separate from CURE and will be a “working committee”. Linda Duscoe suggested that the new committee remain as part of CURE. Debra Sheehan mentioned that this new committee be aligned with the work of the state’s Sentencing Commission. Checo asked the members attending the meeting if everyone was clear about the set-up of this new committee and Betty Carter expressed her concern that the committee was formed and had begun meeting before some long standing members were aware of its existence. Jay Jackson mentioned that if remained a part of CURE, meeting minutes would need to be recorded to allow them to be submitted to the national office. Kelly Garrett suggested that a member of this newly formed committee give a report of their meeting to the general CURE meeting and that report can be attached to the general meeting minutes. Amy Dozier volunteered to take the minutes of the committee meeting. Checo asked for approval and Cammie seconded it. The name of this new committee will be discussed at their next meeting.

BILLS: Checo suggested that everyone go to the legislative website to remain informed about what bills are being signed by the governor.

WORKSHOP: Debra said that James Windom is checking in to the possibility to host the workshop, scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Main Library.

TELEPHONE: Checo sent out an email on new information on the telephone issue. The FCC wants to go “across the board” to get cheaper phone rates.

NEWSLETTER: Checo asked for help from members for articles for the next newsletter coming out in July.

WEBSITE: Jay Jackson mentioned that the renewal for the LA CURE website was due. Everyone agreed to renew it.

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 7 PM at Catholic Charities on Acadian Thruway.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jackson,  
Secretary