

Minutes from the Louisiana CURE General Meeting..... May 10, 2016

Attending (18): Avis Henderson, Debra Sheehan, Linda Lala Duscoe, Cammie Maturin, Jay Jackson, Carl Taylor, Checo Yancy, Fr. Dan Krutz, Lori Gros, Amy Dozier, James Windom, Betty Carter, Alise Harts, Alesha Poche', Jim Cozelot, Kelly Garrett, Espinola Quinn, Lynda Turner

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

After it was mentioned that Checo Yancy's first name had a typo, the minutes from the April meeting were approved by Debra Sheehan and seconded by Carl Taylor.

Cammie Maturin reported on SB 424 which was voted on in the La. Senate earlier. The vote was 23 nays, 14 yeas and 2 absent. Discussion was brought up about asking Senator Martini, the sponsor of the bill, to bring it back up for reconsideration before the session ends.

A committee was formed to monitor the legislature. James Windom is chairing that committee. Several members expressed interest in joining that committee. They would like to bring together a coalition for advocacy. The second meeting was held on May 10, 2016, prior to the LA CURE meeting. Topics include: Ban the Box, Pre-adjudication, Restore Voting Privilege, Expungement and standard rising Background Checks.

A discussion was brought up about having a workshop on August 27, 2016 to look ahead and plan for the next session.

Kelly Garrett spoke about the power of the District Attorneys. Some mentioned that politics and re-elections play a huge part in how they go after what cases to prosecute. Sometimes abuse of power occurs when this happens.

The meeting concluded with a moment of silence. Next meeting is June 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jackson,
Secretary