

## La. CURE Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 8, 2019

ATTENDING: (5) Jay Jackson, Linda Lala Duscoe, Carl Taylor, Linda Fjeldsjo, Checo Yancy

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President Checo Yancy began the meeting requesting a moment of silence.

Minutes were distributed from the September meeting and no objections were made and the minutes were approved.

A discussion occurred concerning the right of ex-offenders to vote. Over 30,000 ex-offenders qualified after a new law was passed in the last legislative session to grant voting privileges to those who have successfully completed 5 years of probation. Linda Duscoe mentioned a report in the Sunday Advocate indicating between 11-12,000 of the 30,000 have registered.

Checo handed out:

- Legislative scorecards from PowerCoalition.org
- Newsletter from Louisiana Prison Alternatives
- Agenda from a National CURE meeting in Detroit focusing on ending Life Sentences
- Fact Sheet from the Sentencing Project on Life Sentences
- Postcards about Life Sentences from Louisiana Prison Alternatives featuring inmates
- Past Newsletters from National CURE
- Election Protection Guide produced by VOTE
- Postcard produced by VOTE explaining voting rights for the formerly incarcerated

A discussion came up about pardons staying on the Governor's desk and how long can they remain there. Linda Fjeldsjo suggested that La. CURE revisit the "No-Action" bill to get the sitting Governor to act on pardon recommendations within 90 days after the recommendation from the board.

Jay suggested that the organization look at scheduling 6 meetings per year instead of the current monthly meetings. He suggested that 2 meetings occur

before the legislative session, 2 during the session and two meetings after the session. It was recommended that this be placed on the November 2019 meeting agenda on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Voting for the office of President was not necessary when Carl Taylor withdrew his name from nomination. Carl said although he was honored to be nominated, he wouldn't be able to devote the necessary time required to preform the position. Thus, Checo Yancy was re-elected as President. Checo announced that this new term would be his last as President. Jay Jackson was unopposed for the office of Secretary. Jay also indicated that this would be his last two years serving as Secretary.

Linda Fjeldsjo suggested that the organization begin publicizing the scheduled meetings in The Advocate and The Catholic Commentator. She planned to contact Bonny Van, a writer for The Catholic Commentator, about a possible article in The Commentator on Criminal Justice organizations in the diocese.

The meeting ended with a moment of silence

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Jackson  
La. CURE Secretary