

# Louisiana CURE

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

**Participating (12):** Checo Yancy, Kelly Garrett, Jay Jackson, Keith Morse, Kristen Antoine-Morse, Kevin Harris, Linda Fjeldsjo, Betty Carter, Chester Self, Carmonesia Hill, Marsha Judice, Kevin Harris

Vice President Kelly Garrett opened the meeting and reviewed our ZOOM housekeeping safety rules and then requested a moment of silence. She followed by asking everyone participating to introduce themselves.

Linda Fjeldsjo, Treasurer, gave an updated treasurer's report:

Regular LA CURE account ... \$1501.00

Special Grant account ... \$1841.00

Kelly Garrett and Linda Fjeldsjo talked after the December meeting to discuss membership dues being paid via PayPal. A tax ID# is required to set the account up and Linda will get that. A reminder was mentioned that annual membership dues are currently being collected.

Checo mentioned that the recent newsletter cost \$241 to mail out.

Checo also talked about the upcoming legislative session that begins on April 12, 2021. He asked everyone "what would you like to see happen?" One topic mentioned was parole eligibility for everyone. Leaving it open-ended will allow the legislators some flexibility.

Another topic discussed was to re-examine the sentencing for "principals" involved in a crime.

Kelly suggested that LA CURE members look into joining the non-profit organization VOTE and gave an example of what topics of legislation they were following.

COVID-19 and flu shots were discussed inside prisons. Both are highly recommended (when available) but are not mandatory.

Kelly suggested that members go to the Department of Corrections (DOC) website to find out when Pardon & Parole hearings are scheduled.

Checo made a request to add two board members to LA CURE.

The meeting ended with a moment of silence at 8:02 PM and everyone was safely home at 8:03 PM. The next scheduled ZOOM meeting is February 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Jackson

Secretary