

Louisiana CURE

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

Participating (15): Checo Yancy, Kelly Garrett, Jay Jackson, Kristel Neupert, Michael Hackett, Dan Krutz, Kevin Harris, Linda Fjeldsjo, Pat Smith, Kristen Antoine Morse, Keith Morse, Marianne Fisher Giolando, Nancy Nancy West, Stephanie Milburn, Lori Halvorson

(No minutes were taken at the May, 2021 Louisiana CURE meeting. An open discussion concerning current bills before the legislature were discussed).

Vice President Kelly Garrett opened the meeting and requested a moment of silence. She followed by asking everyone participating to introduce themselves.

Linda Fjeldsjo gave a treasurer's report:

- Recent Deposits.....\$100.00
- Recent Expenses....\$228.00
- The Louisiana CURE Tax ID number was provided by Chase Bank. A PayPal account can now be set-up to provide another means for membership registrations.

Vice President Kelly Garrett went through a number of bills that have been monitored by V.O.T.E (Voice Of The Experienced). Some of the bills discussed:

- HB 84 – Jury Duty
- HB 106 - Consequences of Guilty Pleas
- HB 145 – Parole Equity
- HB 158 – Culpability Alignment
- HB 378 – Voting Rights Restoration
- HB 652 – Reduces the penalties for marijuana possession
- HB 707 – Eliminates Employment Discrimination

A more complete list of the bills being monitored by V.O.T.E. can be found on their website:

www.vote/nola.org

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Discussion was brought up about the influence of paid lobbyist at the state legislature. A recent article in The Advocate prompted the discussion.
- Retribution for the wrongfully incarcerated was increased, but still falls far below what some other neighboring states pay.
- Kelly showed everyone how to research previously recorded committee hearings on the Louisiana Legislature's website.

The meeting was adjourned and the next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Jackson
Secretary