

Louisiana CURE

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Participating (12): Checo Yancy, Kelly Garrett, Jay Jackson, Keith Morse, Kristen Antoine-Morse, Trent Garrett, Tawanda Boatner, Kristel Neupert, Michael Hackett, Michael Naquin, Avis Henderson, Sharon Williams

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

It was discussed and decided to continue using the Zoom format for our monthly meetings for 2021. In-person meetings may occur when the conditions for the pandemic are re-evaluated.

Jay Jackson gave an update on the La CURE website. The Google analytics indicate that there was a 10% increase from the previous month on users! For February, there were 45 unique users – 40 of those were NEW visitors and one view came from Pakistan!

A vaccine update was given, and indications are that vaccines are being given to inmates at Angola. Checo Yancy and Jay Jackson gave an update on the progress of Angola Warden Vannoy.

Checo introduced the two new board members to LA CURE - Fr. Dan Krutz and Dr. Kristen Antoine-Morse.

Other topics:

- Department of Corrections (DOC) has begun volunteer training on-line.
- Non-contact visits are being scheduled at Hunt Correctional and Raymond LaBorde
- Kelly briefly talked about a list of proposed bills that VOTE is following...Priority Bills and Coalition Bills.
- Kelly also spoke about the VIP (Vote Institute for Policy) program – Level 101 educates participants on policies in the legislature. Level 201 focuses on local government.

Checo spoke about the various organizations working in the criminal justice realm. He encouraged members to not only join, but to get actively involved.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Jackson
Secretary