

La. CURE Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 13, 2019

ATTENDING: (16) Avis Henderson, Troy Georgetown, Jay Jackson, Linda Lala Duscoe, Lorraine Davidson, Michael Naquin, Lynda Turner, Carl Taylor, Raquel Wade, LaRita Murier, Dan Krutz, Laketa Smith, Melissa DeSilva, Nyra Pierre, Shannon Santiesteban, Ashley Dowden,

Secretary Jay Jackson chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone, requested a moment of silence and then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Jay mentioned that elections are scheduled for the office of President and Secretary in an upcoming meeting. Nominations were made and Jay Jackson nominated Checo Yancy for President and Lynda Turner nominated Carl Taylor for President. Carl Taylor nominated Jay Jackson for Secretary. Nominations are still open.

Jay mentioned that for the health of the organization, more people need to make themselves available to serve and that it's not healthy that the same people continue to hold the same office,

Jay talked about the upcoming state elections and suggested that everyone refer to the Secretary of State's website where all of the candidates are listed. He recommended that everyone do their research.

Laketa Smith offered some good suggestions about how the organization can better communicate with the general public. She offered to make a presentation about her idea at the next meeting in September.

Lorraine Davidson asked about the Legislature's Felony Class System. She offered to get some information and present it at our next meeting in September also.

Members informally discussed specific situations about conditions at various correctional facilities. Michael Naquin offered to take some of that information back to a committee he serves on.

Ashley Dowden spoke on the Louisiana Parole Project and recommended that everyone check out their website.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jackson
La. CURE Secretary