

Restore Georgia Board Meeting Minutes 10/12/2020 - 7PM

PRESENT: Brendan Spaar; Andy Stein; Bill Paul; Beverly Cochran; Waleisah Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Brendan called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. (meeting being recorded)

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of August and September Meeting Minutes: August BOD minutes adopted; September meeting minutes will be sent out to be adopted via email or at the next meeting.
- B. Any updates Re: Cobb County Letter: Another letter went out to respondents asking them to keep a diary and copies of any communications. NARSOL is currently reviewing information received from those that responded to the first letter.
- C. Status of 501 (C)(3) filing: Due to Covid 19 they are running about a month behind.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Approval of any expenses: Brendan has submitted an expense request for \$275 to cover the cost of the 501(C) (3) filing that he had paid for from his personal account.
- B. Quarterly report – Andy: On 9/15 a large donation of \$1,000 was received from Richard McEowen. We currently have \$2239 in the bank account.
- C. Transition of recurring payments from RSOL GA -> Restore Georgia: Recurring payments through PayPal to RSOL GA need to be broken away and switched for bookkeeping purposes to Restore GA. Beverly needs to switch; Andy has already switched.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Regional/National Update – Brendan: NARSOL is asking all affiliates and individuals to sign on the SORNA update. You can get more information on this from the Podcast that Andy did on that subject.
- B. SORRB Update – Waleisah: Represented Restore GA at the last meeting. The audio was poor, and she could not really hear much. Everyone was stern; lots of law enforcement and no one on the side of the offender. The December meeting will be “in person.”
- C. NARSOL Police Registry Response Group Update – Beverly: NARSOL is against any kind of registry but could support a private registry strictly for hiring. This is quite an ongoing process with the writing of a white paper and letter. It is in the editing process, which is tedious because you must document everything.
- D. Constituent Services Update - Bill Paul:
- E. Case Management Assignments: Brendan and Andy are the “gatekeepers” and enter those that contact either NARSOL or Restore GA into the system. Bill is a case worker. We are weak on case management and anyone interested in being a case manager please let Brendan know. Responsiveness is needed to those who have reached out and once they are contacted let the gatekeeper know when it is entered into the system.
- F. Planning for next Statewide Meeting: Nov 5th at 7 p.m. and Nov. 7th at 2 p.m. There are several subjects to cover: CARES Act deadline is the end of November and the 30th is the time for paper filing; need Regional coordinators in the counties; expungement; legislative process starts over in January; need agenda items. Sign up for the statewide meeting is already on the website: RestoreGeorgia.org.

G. Social Media Presence: There was no objection to a social media presence. The person who runs the social media for Justice Reform volunteered to put info on for us, i.e. FaceBook, Twitter, YouTube presence after we are a non-profit, LinkedIn, and Instagram solely for information.

H. Regional Coordinator FEARLESS Training: Waleisah and Brendan can get the statewide training and start with possibly a “Fearless Friday” and then branch out in the Regions later. Waleisha already does some “Offender Alumni Association” Alabama group on Monday and Tuesday.

I. Marketing Materials: Justice Day will be virtual this year. Eventually materials will be needed for tabling. NARSOL has generic information materials that we can get from them, but a possible “Welcome Kit” with a wrist band, pen, etc. was discussed. Brendan will research the NARSOL materials.

5. ANY ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Work Session: Nov. 2nd at 7 p.m. to plan the Statewide meeting; come with ideas; will only be a 30 minutes meeting.

Southern Anti Racism Network (SARN) Mtg: 75 already signed up per Waleisah; she can give Brendan’s name for a panel person.

Southern Center for Human Rights: reached out to Brendan and Restore GA and will be meeting with him regarding a possible partnership.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2020 7:00 PM

7. **ADJOURNED:** With no further business meeting adjourned