

Restore Georgia Georgia Board Meeting Minutes
9/14/2020 - 7PM

PRESENT: Brendan Spaar, Andy Stein, Bill Paul; Waleisah Wilson (Beverly Cochran was absent/excused)

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Brendan called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of August Membership Meeting Minutes: will need to be approved via email
- B. Any updates Re: Cobb County Letter: Letter mailed beginning of August; manned call center for 3 weeks; approximately a dozen called in; some wanted off mailing list; 26 responses by mail and 5 electronically. No one kept documentation. One who was off probation allowed them to search his phone and computer that should not have happened. A follow up letter will be sent asking everyone to keep documentation.
- C. Status of 501 (C)(3) filing: Form filed 9/4/20 but running 4 to 6 weeks out; should be approved by next BOD meeting. After approved, a form 501-H will have to be filed to spend up to 20% of our budget on legislation without getting into trouble.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Approval of any expenses: Brendan will be submitting an expense report after a refund of the \$275 is received that he had paid personally. A substantial donation has been received from Richard McEown, along with some smaller donations. The 3 regular PayPal donors will need to switch from the RSOL GA to the Restore GA to keep good financial records. Brendan noted that we need to reach out to donors, but whether to send letter/note to those who donate \$100 or more or reach out to all new donors will be taken up at the next meeting. Brendan will call Richard this week to acknowledge his donation.
- B. Monthly report: \$1500 must be on hand in the account at all times or we incur a fee.
- C. Update on Average Daily Balance / Average Monthly Balance:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Interview with Waleisah Wilson as potential BOD member: Ms. Wilson recently moved to Atlanta from Columbus. She is an organizer and created an outreach program that assists those with criminal records to find jobs. Currently she has a list of 25-30 employers that she connects with clients. She herself had been incarcerated, so she works from experience. She has limited funds but has lots of resources and looks forward to expending energies on helping those on the registry. She received a unanimous vote to accept her as a board member (Beverly was absent from the vote). She was welcomed and noted that Bill will be contacting her regarding heading up the Metro Region.
- B. Regional/National Update – Brendan: We are in Region 2 nationally and planning is in process to hold conferences in the different regions. This will be a virtual 2-day conference that will have a fee to attend. It will focus on legal and will have attorneys on to cover that.
- C. Joining Georgia Justice Reform Partnership – Brendan: We are now a member of the JRP along with about 30 other organizations.
- D. NARSOL Police Registry Response Group Update – Beverly: This was omitted as Beverly was absent.
- E. Constituent Services Update - Bill Paul: Very frustrating as this has been going on for 2 ½ months regarding the requirement of “no driving alone” for registrants. Bill has submitted a

letter to Brendan for approval to go out to the director. A letter was sent on July 3rd to Director Nails. The SORB meeting was cancelled for this month.

F. Case Management and backlog of cases – Brendan: “Civi” is now in categories and help is needed with caseload. Brendan has created a short training video that he can supply to get information/responses to those reaching out to Restore GA.

G. Planning for next Statewide Meeting: After discussion it was decided to hold the next Statewide meeting on Zoom November 5th at 7 p.m. and November 7th at 2 p.m.

H. Marketing Materials: Tabled to the next meeting.

5. **ANY ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 12, 2020 7:00 PM
7. **ADJOURNED:** With no further business; meeting was adjourned.