

**Restore Georgia Board Meeting
02/08/2021 - 7PM via Zoom**

PRESENT: Brendan Spaar, Executive Director; Bill Paul, Managing Director; Beverly Cochran, Secretary; Andy Stein, Treasurer

ABSENT: Waleisah Wilson, Member at Large

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julian, Richard and Tara Gazzuolo

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - by Brendan Spaar

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of December and January Meeting Minutes - Motion by Brendan to adopt the December BOD Minutes, seconded by Bill; motion carried. Motion by Bill to adopt the January BOD Minutes, seconded by Andy; motion carried (1 abstention Brendan)
- B. Approval for a Restore Georgia Zoom Account - To clarify from last month's meeting, Brendan stated that there is an administrative fee of \$65 then we receive ½ off on the Zoom account \$75 for a total of \$140. TechSoup is the Broker for this reduction in price. Next year forward it will cost only \$75. Beverly made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Bill; motion carried.
- C. Update on wristbands for marketing - This was tabled at least during the Covid distancing.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT - Andy**

- A. Approval of any expenses - There were no expenses to report. The bank balance is \$2,545.27.
- B. 4Q 2020 report - This was tabled until the March BOD meeting.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Regional/National Update - Brendan was on an Advancing Advocacy call regarding working with advocacy partners. Also, regarding how Michigan works with the ACLU. At this time we do not have anyone to partner with. NARSOL is planning an in-person conference in Houston, TX in October. There may be a Regional Conference to fill the gap. Brendan submitted an update for GA in the NARSOL Digest.
- B. NARSOL Police Registry Response Group Update - Beverly spoke with Cindy Prizo, who stated that it is on the NARSOL website (but she couldn't find it). Cindy stated that she was working on a couple of things and when that was complete she would put it out to the affiliates.
- C. Constituent Services Update - Bill reported that the Ninja line is working very well in that personal calls are private. The backlog of followup to calls is being cleared up. He stated that our website is becoming very valuable. If anyone has info on available housing, employment opportunities or treatment providers please share it in order to place it on the website.
- D. Social Media Update - Waleisah was not present on call. RestoreGA is now linked in on all three social media sites. The Justice Reform was co-hosted by RestoreGA, which is giving us visibility.

- E. 2021 Legislative Update - Brendan is looking at dividing the different bills into three (3) categories: Support/Oppose/Monitoring. HB 192 and 335 would be listed under "support." HB194 would be listed under "oppose," and HB 322 and HB347 would be under "monitoring" because he hasn't seen the actual bills as of yet.
- F. Justice Reform Partnership Update - Brendan reported that RestoreGA is a member now. On Feb. 9th we will be co-hosting the Talk Justice Tuesday meeting and Brendan will give "Registry 101" information. On Feb. 16th Brendan will speak on HB 194 (extreme sentencing and mandatory probation) at the TJT meeting.
- G. Fearless Groups - Tara Gazzuolo provided an overview of her background. She is the wife of someone on the Registry; (her husband was denied to get off the registry); she works with re-entries at a prison, thus she sees the value of a place where people can talk freely. She will be attending some meetings in other states. These groups are for family members or anyone with involvement with registrants. The meetings will be on the 4th Thursday evenings of each month. The first "Fearless Group" meeting will be on Feb. 25th. A flyer will go to the Department of Treatment Providers. Tara is taking a class on how to lead large Zoom groups. Julian has led groups up to 20 people and has done some counseling, which will be of assistance with the Fearless Group. Brendan can actually have a sign up thru the website Google drive link with specific rules. Brendan will be speaking with NARSOL to get their advice on speaking with Gwinnett County DA using this as a diversion group like prescribing AA or NA.
- H. Bi-Monthly Constituent Meeting Planning - A Bi-monthly meeting will be Feb. 18th at 7 p.m. the agenda will be heavy on legislative issues, Fearless Group and officer election mandated by our by-laws. These meetings will be every other month.
- I. Board welcome kits were mailed - Each of the BOD members received a very useful kit mailed out by Brendan. They are to be used in correspondence or in person meetings.
- J. Restore Georgia email addresses and Share Drive - Brendan asked the BOD to use their RestoreGA email addresses to log in to the website and get to the share drive.
- K. Outreach to new registrants - Beverly stated that she receives the local newspaper that contains the photos and addresses of Registrants that are either new, or have just moved into the county. She would like Brendan to compile a letter that she could include in a packet that she would mail at her expense to these registrants to let them know that there is a local organization that could be very beneficial to them. If other BOD members would forward their new/recently moved in registrants to her, she would mail info to them as well.

5. **ANY ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS** - Bill stated that we are a member of GATSA and that he would attend an on-line meeting at the end of the month, hopefully he will be able to talk about the Fearless Group. Also, he was present for the Paroles & Pardons meeting.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 8, 2021 7:00 PM

7. **ADJOURN** with no further business; meeting was adjourned.