

MEETING MINUTES

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**D. Wayne Kelly, Chairman
Danny Federico, Secretary**



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**Meeting Minutes
Suwannee Valley Unsolved, Inc. Board of Directors
Saturday, July 27
6:27 p.m. (1827 hrs.) at Suwannee County EOC Building
Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida**

Chairman Wayne Kelly called the meeting of the Suwannee Valley Unsolved (SVU) Board of Directors to order at 6:26 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ricky Williams then immediately led the Board into the invocation.

At 6:27 p.m., Danny Federico performed the roll call. The following Board Members were present:

Kalesia Brown (via Phone)

Danny Federico

Jason Futch

Larry Mason

Heidi Snipes

Chuck Tompkins

Heather Williams

Ricky Williams

Katie Jeffries (excused) was absent from this Board Meeting.

Also attending the meeting was SVU Echoes to Advocacy Committeeman John Szaroleta.

There were no reports for the Board to review during the special meeting.

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At 6:15 p.m., Executive Director Jason Futch took the time to update the Board about the "Ultimate Beverage Cooler" raffle fundraiser. Futch also made a brief note that the Boys Ranch was secured for the Hope and Justice Dinner. Further discussion on this topic would take place later in the meeting.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board began reviewing items under the section outlined for unfinished business. These included items: (a) discussion and possible action on the Social Media Policy and (b) discussion and possible action regarding the Internal Affairs Committee.

Internal Affairs Committee. At this time, Futch proposed the addition of an Internal Affairs Committee to be included in Article 6 of the Suwannee Valley Unsolved Bylaws. The committee aims to establish checks and balances within the organization to ensure accountability and transparency. Larry Mason motioned to accept the proposed policy, followed by a second from Chuck Tompkins. It was then unanimously approved.

At 6:39 p.m., Chairman Kelly opened the discussion on the Social Media Policy. The policy aims to maintain professionalism in social media representations related to Suwannee Valley Unsolved. Concerns centered around possible infringements on Board Members' right to freedom of speech.

Following much discussion on the topic, during which time it was explained that the policy is in place for Board Members when representing Suwannee Valley Unsolved, Kelly suggested adding clarification at the end of the policy's introductory paragraph explaining that it is not related to Board Members' personal social media pages. The Board was in agreement about this addition. Danny Federico also suggested amending the beginning of the "Upholding Ethical and Professional Standards" portion of section SM.04 Personal Use of Social Media by SVU Personnel to read: "When representing SVU on personal social media, SVU personnel are expected to uphold the organization's code of conduct and ethical standards." Following more discussion, Tompkins motioned to accept the Social Media Policy with the discussed amendments, followed by a second from Heidi Snipes. It was then unanimously approved.

At 7:04 p.m., the Board moved into the section outlined for new business, beginning with a discussion on the Hope and Justice Dinner. At this time, Futch began speaking on the venue change. He raised concerns about the Grand Hall at Spirit of the Suwannee, stating it would have no stage for the speakers and there was potential for seating capacity issues. He mentioned John Szaroleta suggested an alternative venue with the Boys Ranch, which would

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feature a proper stage, audio-visual capabilities, a podium, and a table. However, the venue would not allow the sale of alcohol on the premises. As this was not advertised, however, the Board agreed there wasn't much of an issue with this stipulation.

The discussion continued, with Futch stating Aphrodite Jones was confirmed to be the event's keynote speaker. Her presence was secured at a reduced rate of \$1,000 plus lodging. The Board proceeded to discuss lodging ideas for Aphrodite, with some suggestions being cabins at Spirit of the Suwannee. The discussion also included leads for sponsorships.

Continuing the discussion on the Hope and Justice Dinner, the Board began discussing Moxxy Forensics' participation. There was some debate about compensating Moxxy Forensics for attending, leading to the Board deciding not to provide payment given the organization's limited funds and early stage of development.

Further discussion related to the dinner included the dress code for Board members and volunteers, as well as a proposed dry run of the event during the Saturday, Sept. 7, meeting at the Youth Ranch.

At 7:54 p.m., Chairman Kelly moved the meeting into the discussion and possible action on an update to the Mission Statement and the implementation of a Vision Statement for the organization. With a motion from Snipes and a second from Mason, the Mission Statement was unanimously approved. With a motion from Tompkins and a second from Mason, the Vision Statement was unanimously approved.

At 7:57 p.m., the Board moved on to the final item regarding the discussion and possible action on revising the organization's bylaws to remove the section on grant disbursements. Futch explained that, as the organization is not currently in a position to offer grants or financial assistance, he proposed that the section's removal should reflect Suwannee Valley Unsolved's current scope and capabilities. Snipes made a motion to accept this revision, followed by a second from Tompkins. It was then unanimously approved.

At 8:12 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes have been reviewed and certified on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2024, at 8:57 p.m.

x *Parvathy S.*
Board Chairman (Acting)

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Board Secretary (Acting)

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