



Grandparents Against Gun Violence Virtual Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021

Our Mission

We work to reduce gun violence to keep all children safe at home, at school and in our community.

President Judy Sherry called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm via Zoom. Zoom meeting attendance was 76. This and future meetings are being recorded and can be viewed on the website at <https://moksgagv.org/february-22-2021-zoom-meeting-recording/>, allowing our meeting attendance to expand.

Lock It For Love – Barb McNeile reported that even though regular LIFL procedures have been suspended since November due to Covid-19 concerns, three partners hand out gun locks on our behalf: Boys and Girls Clubs of Kansas City, Swope Health and Grand Families of UMKC. They are also working with Charlie’s House and two pediatric offices. Dr. Shayla Sullivant continues to provide locks at her virtual Prepped and Ready teen parenting presentations. LIFL has distributed 3,900 free gun locks.

Police Officer Rick Jones and Madison Mustoe produced a video demonstrating the use of gun locks which can be accessed at <https://moksgagv.org/take-action/lock-it-for-love/>

Membership – Joan Jacobson expressed appreciation to all dues paying members and encourages all to become members. Please contact Joan Jacobson for membership information, sojacobs@aol.com.

Advocacy

- **Acts of Kindness** – Marilyn Cohen is leading this effort to distribute bags of candy to essential workers to show appreciation for their work. Bags are labeled with a GAGV sticker and the quote, “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.” Contact Marilyn at ccohen@kc.rr.com if you would like bags to distribute. Saint Andrew Church is a partner in this effort.
- **Say Their Names** - Carol Gee read the names of 13 Kansas Citians who lost their lives to homicide in January as a part of the “Say their Names” initiative. The names are also posted on GAGV’s Instagram and Facebook pages. If you would like to suggest this idea to your church or synagogue, contact Carol at carolgee419@gmail.com.

Program – Members of the Missouri Chapter of the **National African American Gun Association** spoke as part of our Year of Listening to Different Voices. The panel, which included President Jeff Maples and members Eric Sanders, Marsha Wells and Torrey Isaac, covered the organization’s highlights ranging from the history of guns for self-defense and its educational efforts for training and safety. NAAGA works to preserve the Second Amendment and does not advocate for Universal Background Checks and gun regulation. They are supporters of firearm training.

Next meeting: Monday, March 22, 4:00 pm – KC Star Reporters, “Seeking Solutions” describing different attitudes between urban and rural communities.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte Davison, Secretary