ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE, INC. MEETING
October 10, 2017

The meeting of Angels Against Abuse was called to order at 8:30 am by President, Sandy Kearney who welcomed everyone. The following guests were introduced: Tawnee Walling, Schenelle Conway, Andrew Maurin, Sandra Blackwood, Betsy Mishoe, Janice Starling.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

In the absence of treasurer, Blake Kearney, Sandy reported income of $225.00 and expenses of $8,132.00.

**Angel Christmas Giving Program:** Laurallyn Segur will put together a list of families with the most needs by the November Angels meeting. We will not be giving gifts to the Sallie House as the residents are from Manatee and Hillsborough Counties. Our mission statement states that we provide gifts, etc. to children in Pinellas County.

**Mad Hatter Tea Party:** Kathy Mitcheson reported that our expenses were $6,400.00 for this event. BJ’s provided all the food for the party. This was the last Mad Hatter Tea Party sponsored by the Angels; however, the event will continue under the Kiwanis Clubs, and we will assist them. Allen Yergovich is selling Kiwanis cookbooks for $20.00.

Gina Wilkens of The Kind Mouse received an award for People of Progress.

Sandra Blackwood and Schenelle Conway spoke to us about Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., which provides for head start programs and serves children with special needs and disabilities, too. They gave out “Check the Back Seat” cards to remind parents to be sure they have not left a child in the car. They are trying to get the parents involved in the programs. Their next event is “Prim and Proper” about table etiquette. Lutheran Services Florida offers comprehensive education, family services, disability, health and nutritional services to all eligible children and families. Their mission statement is “to educate, equip, and empower children, families, and staff through partnerships and efficient data driven systems to close the achievement gap”.

**Child Advocacy Expo:** It was held at the St. Pete College – Clearwater Campus. It was a small group, but those who attended visited each organization and learned about the services offered. They want to have another expo next year.

Gas cards for the Guardian ad Litem volunteers enable them to travel to visit with a child.

Families are being relocated from Puerto Rico to our area. Families with disabilities are referred to the Disability and Achievement Center.

**Angel Center:** It was a little slow getting started, but visits are picking up. There are three rooms – Winter, Hope, and Rufus – each decorated theme appropriate.

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Reminders: BrewHaHa Extravaganza will be October 21st at the Farley Mansion; Annual Angel Christmas Giving Celebration will be on December 13th at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin
Recording Secretary