



ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE, INC. MEETING
October 11, 2022

Angels Against Abuse met on October 11, 2022, at the Pasadena Community Church Life Enrichment Center. President, Sandy Kearney, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced herself and told what she did.

Octavius Davis from Family Support Services talked about FSS's partnership with the Angels, working to see how families can be better supported and to work toward more family reunifications.

Our guest speaker was Lea Carrigan of Restored to Dream. A new program has been formed for survivors of trauma, rape, human trafficking, etc. The organization gets referrals from other groups and find out their physical and mental needs. They have developed a therapeutic arts program which is a free 18 month program to develop daily routines and various programs for parents and children, helping them to develop a trust in others and how to give back. They are located at Legacy Church in St. Petersburg.

Tony Mangiafico of St. Pete Fools, which works to give material items to those in need, told of the various events they hold, such as diaper drives, medicine drive, charity ride, golf tournament.

Kelly Johnson of CPI told that they are gearing up for the holiday season and would like to partner with other agencies to get help faster for those who need it. The most problems they deal with are opioids, use of drugs, domestic violence and neglect among other things.

The Gala is October 21st. You can still buy a ticket to the event.

Dillard's will give us 10% of our purchases from 9 – 11 am on the dates of October 1 to October 21. Make your appointment now.

Byron Pressley of Friends of Tampa Bay told us we are appreciated for what we have done for them.

Ashley Tominus reported visitations at the Angel Center are increasing—expects they will be at full capacity within the next two months. A new employee has started work there. They are seeing reunifications.

Damia Kelly of Boley Center said they will accept nice used clothing. They have the most severely mental health people in the county. They will host the Jingle Bell Run in St. Petersburg. They will provide turkey and trimmings for Thanksgiving to their clients. Boley will have an open house at Butterfly Grove on October 28th from 11 am to 12:30 am.

Treasurer, Blake Kearney, reported an operating cash balance of \$189,478.

The Kind Mouse will hold a holiday food drive starting November 21st. 50-50 tickets are being sold for \$10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin, Secretary