



ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE, INC. MEETING

August 9, 2022

Angels Against Abuse met on August 9, 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.

The Child Advocacy Expo was a wonderful event with a good sharing of the various agencies.

Our guest speaker was Celeste Fernandez from DCF. She thanked us for the Expo and announced there have been changes in their department. Her email address is celeste.fernandez@MYFLfamilies.com.

Several counties fall under the department, and Celeste oversees Pinellas and Pasco Counties, including being in charge of food stamps, mental health as well as partnering more with local communities. She mentioned the Pinellas Community Alliance which meets quarterly and invited us to join the alliance if interested in participation. They have eight (8) agencies currently with them and are working to hold the child welfare system together.

Cami Baker explained about charitable gifts of real estate and what it involved. Profits from sales of real estate go to non-profits.

Byron Pressley talked about their school for success. An example was a young man who hated math, was given a computer, and he received a B for the last quarter. Byron thanked us for our donations of computers, which have helped the students do better.

Ashley Tominus reported visits have picked up a little. She is waiting for a contract to be signed for four (4) new staff members.

Kim Bauer and Helen Consoni reminded us the Gala is October 21, 2022, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Tickets are on sale and the cost is \$150.00. They asked for donations of gift cards, baskets, etc to be brought to the September meeting (September 13, 2022). They will need volunteers to help with setting up of the room. We are asked to wear black with a touch of glitter to the event. We will be honoring the Glitter Queens by inducting them into the Arch Angel Hall of Fame.

The Kind Mouse will have a food drive from August 22, 2022, to September 9,, 2022. They are, as well as the Angel Center, in need of baby formula.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin, Secretary