



ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE, INC. MEETING

January 14, 2020

Angels Against Abuse, Inc. met on January 14, 2020, at the Life Enrichment Center of Pasadena Community Church. President, Sandy Kearney, welcomed everyone.

It was announced that Suncoast Voices was the 2020-2021 recipient of the Glitter Queens.

Damia Kelly reported one of the families who received Christmas gifts was really moved. Damia announced one of their new programs, Treatment Works, focuses on pre-K through 2nd grade at Campbell Park Elementary School. They are trying to bridge the gap between school and home.

The various agencies reported on our Christmas giving and appreciated the generosity in what members did.

Our guest speaker, Nancy Blount, told us of her organization, "I Support the Girls, Tampa Bay". Their mission is collecting and donating essential items to women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress so they can stand tall with dignity. She started this organization in 2015 and partners with Soma and Lily. Over 30,000 products, such as bras and underwear, have been donated. Items needed, in particular, are sports bras, larger panties as well as smaller sizes. It was suggested members make up bags for hygiene products and underwear and bring to the February Angels meeting.

Being there were no minutes from our December meeting/party, the minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer, Blake Kearney, reported an operating cash balance of \$125,706.00.

Kim Bauer and Helen Consoni asked for volunteers and sponsors for our 2020 Blue Ribbon Gala on April 4th. This is our biggest fundraiser, and our theme is "Spread Your Wings and Fly". Our keynote speaker is Ashley Tominus. Various donation forms can be found on our website. It was suggested we have only 75 items for the silent auction. Suggestions for baskets were passed around. Please bring items the beginning of March if not before. They would also like a gift card tree and would be happy to accept any gift card donations. A link to purchase tickets is already on our website.

Volunteers for the Gasparilla Run in February are needed. They would need to be there by 5:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Rankin
Secretary