

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28, 2010

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Brian Denniston at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman. Attendance was taken. There were 14 people present

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Adele Esposito and seconded by Pauline Dillard. There were some corrections that were made.

Our guest speaker was Babi Saltzman from Independent Living Inc. She told us about the different services that were offered at the Center and that they are now a licensed home health care agency. Her program, called OPTIONS, is a unique alternative to traditional home care: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Service (CDPAS).

As a self-directing person with a disability you are able to take charge of the services you receive. You or your designee can recruit, interview, hire, train and dismiss. In order to participate you must be Medicaid eligible, be able to receive Personal Assistant Level of Care, present self-directing skills to the DSS or CASA caseworker and Public Health Nurse, and notify your caseworker at the Department of Social Services or CASA that you are interested in Consumer Directed Personal Assistance as the means of receiving your home care services.

We broke for coffee at 7:50 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Fannie Gaskins from the Soul Saving Station Church on North Miller and Farrington St. said they were going to have a women's shut in on Friday Dec. 3. This would consist of prayer and testimonies.

On November 7 the Guardian Angels Newburgh Chapter will have a graduation Ceremony at the Activity Center.

Regina Angelo said there was to be a curfew Oct 30 and Oct 31. She also said that next year we will have the Memorial Day parade again.

We spoke about possibly going to a Board of Education meeting and talking to them about teaching students about respect.

Our chairman said he would try to get Judge Kulkin to come to our next meeting to talk about using community service instead of jail time.

Adele Esposito and Mabel Frost made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Keller