



Green Mountain Self-Advocates October 27, 2014 Board Meeting

9:30



Check-in: 3 things to share...

1. Tell us if you are an officer or board member
2. If you went to Oklahoma, to the national conference, tell us something you learned
3. Talk about what is going on in your group.

Report Back on National Conference

9:45



GMSA staff and members were co-presenters for 9 workshops! The keynote presenters, The Pearce Brothers were from Vermont. Do others want to share observations from the conference? The people who got DD Council Scholarships please see Topper she has a form you must fill out to get the money.

10:00

Budget Forums

Presented by Nicole LeBlanc:

Tomorrow, October 28th, the Governor's staff is holding a forum to get input about the budget. It will be from 6:00 to 8:00 on interactive television sites listed on the flyer.

As you know last August there was a budget cut for Developmental Services when the state faced a shortfall. In the past few week's newspapers' have reported that the budget for next year may include more cuts.

These forums are important but there are rules. You can only talk for 3 minutes. And not everyone who shows up gets to speak. Having said that, we encourage people to tell the state why they need services. Thank you for letting people and your families know about this meeting.



10:15

GALA 20 Year Celebration

Skye—will share information about the GALA.

Save the Date! December 6, 2014

First Annual GMSA Speak Up Gala!! 6pm – 10pm

Tickets available on-line

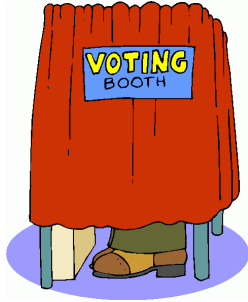




Voices Choices Conference

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- ☑ The dates are May 4 & 5, 2015
- ☑ Let's work in small groups and brainstorm ideas for the theme of the conference this year.



Voting

11:00

- ⇒ How many people have already voted for this election?
- ⇒ When is election day?
- ⇒ Do you know where to go to vote?
- ⇒ Who can you ask if you need help to vote?

Speaking of Voting ...

11:15

We have quite a few new board members. We are making plans to have retreat with all the board members and officers. But for today the officers want to us to practice making a motion and voting.



Work in small groups. Go over the handout on how to vote during a board meeting. Have fun! Come up with a role-play showing us what you need to do if there is something you want the board to decide to do.

11:45

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy is a non-profit

organization that brings people with developmental disabilities and unpaid citizen volunteers together for lifelong friendship. For each matches, we find a local volunteer, called "Advocate", whom we introduce to a person with developmental disabilities, called "Partner", and then we provide ongoing support to their relationship. Over those years, we created and supported nearly 100 such matches. Many lasted for years. At present we have over 20 active matches, some old, some more recent.



OCCA Golf on Ice 2/12/2011

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