



## SELF ADVOCATES COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday July 17, 2013**

Present: George, Jeff, Tom, Allen, Michelle, Steph, Frank, Margaret, Dana, Michele

Regrets: Cora, Shelly, Rebecca, Verne

### DISCUSSION

1. Welcome
2. Reviewed minutes
3. George, Dana and Michele met with self-advocates of Simcoe Community Services Brian, Jacque and Donna and learned that they:
  - have been in existence for 12 years and communication is still their biggest challenge
  - have 12 members and meet once a month except in the summer
  - have a business card with their email
  - also have a Family Advocates Council
  - advocate not only for people supported by SCS but also for the community
  - don't fundraise because SCS already fundraises but do small things like 50/50 draws or bake sales at an event
  - are the Welcome Wagon for SCS and send each person a Christmas/Birthday card
  - other – invited Toastmasters to teach how to speak in public, wrote a group speech to request money, attend trainings, give back to the community (food drive)
4. Will begin writing a Terms of Reference at next meeting which would address purpose and role description, advertising and communication
5. Verne will post SAC info on board at CAPS entrance, George will distribute to all group homes/programs, Michele will email
6. Minutes and agenda will be printed on one double sided page

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday July 25, 2013 at 12:30pm in the large boardroom at 339 Olive St.