

February 1, 2011

## Meeting Minutes

President Tara McCain opened the meeting by introducing new members. Several PD related symptoms were discussed such as shuffling of the feet to severe joint pain. Deep brain stimulation surgery was also talked about with many questions being asked of our members who have undergone this procedure.

Our guest speaker was Ginger McMurchie of Senior Care Solutions. They are a group that provides education, resources and placement referrals to seniors. Most of their services are provided at no cost to the patient. Ginger spoke about preparing for a family crisis such as a parent being hospitalized or sent to the ER. Senior Care Solutions has put together a "Emergency 911 Tool Kit." These are forms that are filled out in advance. They include a list of all physicians treating the patient, medication list and insurance information . Ginger also explained you have the right to question the hospital if you do not feel the patient is well enough to be discharged.

"Neurology Now" is a free publication made available to patients and family members with a neurological disease. We have discussed the magazines' merit at previous meetings. To request a subscription go to [www.neurologynow.com](http://www.neurologynow.com) <<http://www.neurologynow.com/>> .

I am looking forward to seeing you at our March RPSG meeting.

Shelly Butler

Secretary