

New Beginnings Ministry Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2022

Deacon Peter opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with prayer and a brief informational talk about two widowed Catholic saints – Saint Olga and Saint Rita.

Election of Officers

Following his talk, Deacon Peter transitioned the meeting to the process of electing new officers for New Beginnings. The offices for consideration were Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. Candidates had come forward during the nomination process that was held at the January meeting. A set of four questions pertaining to each candidate's experiential background, the focus of each candidate for what they believed to be the mission of the New Beginnings Ministry, and their anticipated vision of future growth and expanded outreach programs to better provide for the needs of other widows within our community. Each candidate was given a list of the questions prior to their presentation to the group.

These nominees were: Gloria Vales, Chairperson and Valerie Herrero, Co-Chairperson. Ballots had been prepared should the assembled membership desire to put forth nominations for qualified candidates from the floor. No additional nominees were presented for either position and Deacon Peter called for a Motion to be made to accept the designated candidates as winners of the election by a voice vote and a show of hands. A Motion was made and seconded to accept the designated candidates as undisputed winners of the election in their respective positions. The vote of the members was unanimous to accept the proposed candidates as the winners of the election. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Director are not up for re-election until 2023.

The elected officers for the New Beginnings Ministry are:

Gloria Vales, Chairperson (gmvales@tampabay.rr.com)

Valerie Herrero, Co-Chairperson (VHerrero52@hotmail.com)

Joan Wright, Treasurer (dehumid@aol.com)

Linda Newman, Secretary (lindanewman94@gmail.com)

Lori Lencioni, Social Director (Lorilencioni@msn.com)

Following the election and a blessing of the new officers, Deacon Peter turned the leadership of the meeting over to the newly elected Chairperson, Gloria Vales.

Secretary's Report

Linda Newman presented the Secretary's Report. Linda asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as presented. The voice vote was unanimous to accept the Minutes as presented. The Secretary informed the members that a new method for distribution of the Minutes would be initiated, beginning with the February Meeting Minutes. The Secretary will no longer distribute Minutes to each member via individualized email transmission. Carrie Rush, Parish Secretary, will post the Minutes on St. Timothy's official webpage. To access: www.sainttims.org Homepage. Click on the Outreach tab and New Beginnings Ministry will be listed. Click on the New Beginnings tab and the Minutes will be displayed.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Wright, Treasurer, reported:	Opening Balance	\$253.03
	Deposit Jan.	<u>38.00</u>
		291.03
	<u>Deposit Feb.</u>	<u>89.01</u>
	Total to Date	\$371.04

Social Director's Report

On behalf of the group, Lori welcomed two new members to New Beginnings: Grace Viera (Gloria Vales' sister-in-law) and Linda McCarthy (friend of Madelyne Kiernan). We are glad to have you as members!

Lori Lencioni discussed dates and venues for those members having birthdays in March. She asked those members for suggestions about a dinner venue and the choice was for Bonefish Grill. Consequently, the New Beginnings Birthday Dinner for March will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 5:00 PM at Bonefish Grill on Dale Mabry Blvd. Lori announced that she would contact members with any further details and suggestions about venue, date, and time for a Saturday Birthday Lunch location. Have suggestions? Email Lori asap.

Our Personal Travel Advisor, Anne Childers, reported she had discovered a quick getaway venue (Tuesday-Friday). The Peace and Plenty Bed & Breakfast is located in St. Augustine. Anne extolled the wonderfulness of the site and then hit us with the unfortunate news that the B & B has only 8 rooms. So, Anne the Crafty, booked multiple availabilities. Consequently, additional members may participate. One week was booked immediately; however, there are other opportunities available in April. Please contact Anne for cost and accommodation availability (813-948-7484).

A bridge group has formed with 6 members. We would love to have at least two or more ladies join the group. Additional players would facilitate the addition of another table of four players. Expert, super-serious players beware! We are mostly beginners – but we're enthusiastic beginners. Please contact Betty Ann Minor for more info. (813-390-3006)

Lori mentioned there's still room for any members who want to join the group heading to Myrtle Beach for the Christmas Tour. Contact Lori.

Lori told the group that we had been asked to participate in the St. Tim's Christmas Boutique again this year. As you'll recall we participated in the 50/50 Raffle last year. This year Lori suggests that we ask for a portion of the donated funds for the Raffle to be allotted to New Beginnings for our own outreach ministry needs. Stay tuned for details.

New Beginnings Outreach Ministry

Members voted unanimously at the January meeting to adopt St. Vincent dePaul's Food Pantry as an outreach community project. Joan Wright has spoken with the Pantry coordinator for the Agency and they're very grateful for our offer. Joan will be our contact person to let us know of their specific needs on a monthly basis. We will bring the requested item(s) to the next meeting and Joan will coordinate their delivery. We've been asked to contribute ONLY 1 of the requested item(s) per member. They're aware of your generosity but it's easy to become overwhelmed by an abundance of a particular item.

This month's needed item is liquid laundry detergent – small size only.

Large sizes are difficult for the recipients to manage due to weight considerations. Food Pantry members have informed Joan that when they purchase this item, they purchase it from either Dollar General or Walmart but you may certainly purchase from other locations should you desire.

REMEMBER: ONE ITEM PER MEMBER

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Newman

Secretary