

## **New Beginnings Ministry**

### **Minutes of the March, 2020 Meeting**

**27 March 2022**

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairperson Gloria Vales called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Peggy Kohler presented the Opening Prayer. Gloria requested each new member to rise, introduce herself, and present a brief introduction of herself to the group. Our newest members are: Margarita Matos, Karen Neidig, and Linda Thorpe.

Gloria then introduced Cindy Vinal from St. Vincent DePaul Ministries, our designated Outreach charity recipient. Cindy spoke about the ongoing need for food and clothing, but she suggested another avenue of giving is that of time and talent. Cindy requested our members consider the giving of their time as volunteers at the Thrift Shop on Nebraska Avenue, Tampa. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting donations into appropriate categories, shelving donations, and assisting with customers. Through donations of supplies, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store supports the District Pantry in providing food, clothing, and toiletries for people in need. A significant need is for undergarments and socks. Donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store may be made on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 1:45 PM. New Beginnings members were thanked for our contribution to the food drive and monthly needs collections.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Linda Newman asked if members were able to access the previous month's Minutes through the St. Tim's website. Many members responded positively with only a few negative comments. The negative comments were received from members who had not attempted to access the website. The Secretary told those members that complaining was not being addressed until they at least attempted to visit the St. Tim's website and access the Minutes through the Outreach portal. Linda is available for tutorials for those in need!

The Secretary requested a Motion be made to accept the February Minutes as presented. Barbara Twomey made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Connie Fusco and accepted by a

unanimous voice vote of the assembled membership. There were no dissenting votes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Joan Wright reported:

Balance to March 27, 2022	\$371.04
Collected at March 27, 2022 Meeting	54.11
Total Monies in New Beginnings Account as of March 27, 2022	\$425.15

The assembled members approved a \$25.00 payment to St. Timothy's Catholic Church for an Easter Lily Plant to be placed on the altar. The gift will be presented as: In Memory of All Our Husbands.

### **Angela's Pantry – New Beginnings Outreach Ministry Recipient**

Joan will be in communication with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to determine what product they will need in order to restock their inventory and notify the members by email prior to our next meeting. Our members donated 36.60 lbs. of laundry detergent and a \$10.00 donation to this charity for the month of March.

### **Social Director's Report**

Social Director Lori Lencioni reported that the Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be held at Ukulele's Brands on April 9, 2022, beginning at 12:00 PM.

Chairperson Gloria Vales is the only April birthday celebrant, and she chose Carrabba's Restaurant for the April Birthday Dinner. Date to be announced.

Lori announced that for all members who had joined The Groves Travel Club the pre-purchased tickets for "Camelot" may be picked up at The Grove. This production is sold out.

Members were reminded about the trip to St. Augustine on May 17-19. Our Travel Wizard AnnE Childers has located several additional B & Bs near Peace and Plenty which will have availabilities for that time period so more members will be able to participate in this adventure. Please contact AnnE

(813-957-1196)\*\* or Lori (813-416-2554) with questions.\*\*AnnE has requested that we use this as her contact phone number. This is her cell phone rather than her home number which was previously published.

### **New Business**

Chairperson Gloria Vales presented an update on progress being made to redesign the Mission and Vision Statements of the New Beginnings Ministry to better reflect our focus of supporting each other, social activities, recognition of individual needs and talents, and parish and community Outreach. Gloria asked the assembled members to carefully consider what they considered important components of these Statements with an emphasis on concise statements rather than engaging in narrative types. She passed out a paper that identified each type of statement for members to take home. She asked that members prayerfully consider their responses and either email her their responses or return the papers at the next meeting. The goal is to have completed Mission and Vision Statements by the April meeting.

The New Beginnings Co-Chairperson Valerie Herrero is a very talented photographer and has compiled a significant collection of our members participating in social and travel activities, meetings, service projects, and capturing some poses that didn't catch us at our "best angles" but are totally hilarious. Valerie and Gloria asked for a volunteer to accept the position of Historian and maintain a scrapbook for these photos. No member immediately volunteered.

Valerie announced that an upcoming speaker would be from Meal-On-Wheels. Their presentation in October had to be rescheduled.

There being no further business, Peggy Kohler closed the meeting with prayer at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman

Secretary