

Minutes of the New Beginnings Meeting

April 24, 2022

Chairperson Gloria Vales introduced Catherine Masak who opened the meeting with prayer at 1:00 pm.

Valerie Herrero, New Beginnings Vice Chairperson, introduced Cindy Vann, the speaker for this month's meeting. Cindy is the Senior Director for Meals On Wheels of Tampa. Meals On Wheels has found that the greatest need for seniors who are living independently is a nutritious food supply. Meals On Wheels supplies homemade, dietician-certified meals to fill the nutritional needs of shut-in elderly residents of Tampa and those communities near Tampa. The privately funded Tampa program has been in existence for forty-seven years and feeds at least 1000 people daily with a nutritionally sound substantial meal. Cindy indicated there was a need for additional volunteers to deliver the meals. Each volunteer is given a choice of many routes close in proximity to their home, if desired. Each daily delivery takes approximately 1 ½ hours to complete. Scheduling is up to the volunteer. Volunteers determine the number of days they will serve weekly or monthly. Two of our members, Karen Fehr and Carolyn Schilte, have participated in the program for quite a while and are enthusiastic promoters of volunteering for this extremely worthwhile program. Questions? Call Cindy Vann 813-238-8410 for information. My hunch is that Valerie Herrero, Karen Fehr, or Carolyn Schilte would be able to answer questions, as well.

Secretary Linda Newman asked members if they had been accessing the Minutes from previous meetings through the St. Timothy website. More members than the previous month indicated they had tried this method and been successful. Joan Wright made a Motion to unanimously accept the Minutes of the March meeting as presented on the website. Mary Ann Whalen seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Joan Wright presented her report:

Balance as of 4/24/22	\$425.15
Collected at April Meeting	<u>45.11</u>
Expenditures (Easter Lilies)	<u>25.00</u>
Total Monies in NB Treasury	\$455.15

A Motion to unanimously accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Barbara Twomey and seconded by Connie Fusco. Motion passed.

Lori Lencioni, Social Director, presented her report. The April meeting is the last for New Beginnings UNTIL September. Are we going to sit around going nowhere and doing nothing??? Lori says NO WAY!!! So.....New Beginnings will have an End-of-the-Year Party at Mary Butigan's beautiful home. Remember the Christmas Party last year? Yep!, that beautiful home. The date for the party is May14, 2022. Lori will provide details by email. There was **a lot of discussion** regarding a possible theme, food, etc. The final decision was that each member will bring an item to share, beverage of choice, etc. You know the drill. The thought was there was so much food leftover at the Christmas Party that purchasing additional food was unnecessary. We all know that if we bring what we usually do, there will be enough food to feed two armies rather than the five armies that could have been fed at Christmas.

The May birthday girl, Cheryl Jones, chose Bonefish Grill on Dale Mabry Blvd. as the location for the May Birthday Dinner. Mark your calendar!! May 17, 2022, 6:00 PM. Please note the slight change in day and time. Cheryl, who works out of town, is usually unable to attend our dinners due to her schedule. So, it's her birthday and she needs to be present. The time and date change will allow her to attend.

More information will be coming regarding our participation in the Fall Festival and Holiday Boutique. All ministries are expected to participate in these events.

Travel-AnnE Childers reported the trip to St. Augustine has been postponed. Currently, the travel cost made the trip financially difficult for many members. It was suggested that we plan to schedule the trip for September 15th. The significance of this date is that it's our esteemed Treasurer's 80th birthday!!!

AnnE also reported that we might consider a return to Mt. Dora for the Christmas Festival the 2nd week in December. Lots of enthusiasm for that plan. Details will be coming.

Mission and Vision Statement – Old Business

Chairperson Gloria Vales requested a Motion be made to accept the Mission and Vision Statements as presented to members. A Motion was made by Connie Fusco to accept the Statements as presented, seconded by Nancy Coulter. Unanimous approval.

New Business

Discussion about the new logo for the website. Valerie Herraro presented a digital drawing she had created to represent New Beginnings-a bouquet of daffodils with the lettering to be: St. Timothy Catholic Church New Beginnings Ministry. Barbara Twomey made a Motion to accept the presented logo and was seconded by Linda Thorpe. Motion passed unanimously.

As has been discussed previously, New Beginnings members enthusiastically supported presenting a gift to Deacon Peter for his help and support in the

restructuring of the New Beginnings Ministry. The members discussed several gift possibilities and decided on one. Connie Fusco made a Motion to accept the final gift suggestion that was made. Motion seconded by Theresa Negron.

Note to Members: Since the gift to Deacon Peter will not be presented until closer to his retirement in December, I have chosen not to specify the gift in the Minutes BECAUSE IT'S A SECRET!!!!

Discussion was held regarding the creation of business cards for our Ministry. Being able to give a prospective new member a card with contact information, meeting date and time, etc. was thought to be very helpful. Valerie Herrero will be working on creation of this project.

Gloria announced that Lori Lencioni and Valerie Herrero will be the Webmasters for our new website.

Gloria again requested a volunteer to be the Historian for our group. This job would entail putting pictures of our activities and travel in a scrapbook. There were no volunteers.

There being no further business to discuss, Gloria adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman

Secretary