

## New Beginnings Ministry Meeting

September 25, 2022

Chairman Gloria Vales called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Chaplain Peggy Kohler opened the meeting with prayer. Vice Chairman Valerie Herrero introduced the new members who were attending their first meeting.

Our newest members are Maria Jiminez, Nora Cloutier, and Pat Clark. We welcome you and are so happy to have you as a part of New Beginnings.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Linda Newman read the Minutes of the last New Beginnings meeting which was held in April 2022. Linda requested a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and sent to all members. Connie Fusco made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented and Peggy Kohler seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the April 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Linda reported, as well, that she had been in contact with Carrie Rush in the Parish Office regarding publication of an announcement of the New Beginnings meetings in the parish bulletin. Carrie suggested publishing the announcement on the first and third Sundays of each month rather than weekly so the announcement wouldn't become "stale" and overlooked.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joan Wright reported the following regarding New Beginning finances:

\$477.16	Beginning Balance
<u>46.00</u>	Collected at 9/25/22 Meeting
\$523.16	Total in New Beginnings Account as of 9/25/22

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Gloria Vales reported that the Board had met to discuss participation in the St. Tim's Parish Fall Festival and Holiday Boutique. Every ministry in the parish has been asked to actively participate in these events. The decision had been made to present a candy counting contest at the Fall Festival that would be held on October 22, 2022. A sign-up sheet with participation times was presented to the membership to allow members to sign-up for a time to manage the New Beginnings table.

Gloria told members that details of New Beginnings' participation in the Holiday Boutique in December would be discussed more extensively at the October 23, 2022, meeting. Again, all ministries have been asked to participate. New Beginnings members will once again participate in the 50/50 Raffle. We have been given the opportunity to chair this event and will receive funds from the St. Tim's Women's Club for our work. A fund request letter has been submitted to the Women's Club for approval. The amount of our fund request is \$500.00. More details about this event will be discussed at the October 23, 2022, membership meeting.

### Social Director's Report

Social Director Lori Lencioni reported on the participation of New Beginnings for the annual Ministry Fair. She reported there was interest shown in the ministry but little actual new member interest in membership. Lori suggested that, given the primary requirement for membership in our group, it was doubtful that we would gain many new members from participation in the Ministry Fair but that raising the visibility of our group was the primary goal.

The trip to Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Amelia Island was a success and a new trip was being planned for a return to Mt. Dora for the annual Christmas Festival December 9-11, 2022. The double occupancy room cost for the trip will be \$247.47. Additional cost for the bus brings the anticipated trip total cost to \$350.00-\$375.00. Further details about the Mt. Dora trip will be given at the October 22, 2022, meeting by AnnE Childers.

### Old Business

Co-Chair Valerie Herrero reminded members of the discussion held at the April meeting regarding a thank-you gift to Deacon Peter Burns for all his help in the reorganization of the New Beginnings Ministry. Different suggestions had been made regarding the type of gift at that meeting. There was a pending Motion by Connie Fusco to purchase a \$100.00 gift card that was tabled at the April meeting. Valerie asked the members if there were any other suggestions regarding the gift. Members discussed various types of gift cards or a plaque. Dolores Coote made a motion to gift Deacon Peter with \$100.00 in cash rather than any type of gift card. Peggy Kohler seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Lori Lencioni reported on the status of the Fall Festival which will be held October 22, 2022. The New Beginnings Table will be seasonally decorated, and our offering will be a large clear glass jar filled with wrapped candy. Participants will be asked to guess the total number of candies in the jar and

write their guess on a slip of paper. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the Fall Festival.

Lori also reported on New Beginnings' participation in the St. Tim's Parish Holiday Boutique. New Beginnings members have, in the past, participated in the 50/50 Raffle. This year we will oversee the event. Our ministry will receive a \$500.00 share of the proceeds for our ministry needs. Additional details about the Raffle and a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be presented at the October meeting.

### New Business

Co-Chair Valerie Herrero presented information about the acquisition of tee shirts with a New Beginnings logo. Previously, members had decided that daffodils would be a desired logo. Valerie introduced the concept of using a dragonfly as our logo. She reported that the dragonfly represented, "life, hope, and new beginnings." The cost of the shirt will depend on the total number of shirts ordered. She also indicated that the type of shirt that would be used would be a quick-dry cotton (dry fit). This item will be discussed further at the October meeting.

### Open Floor Discussion

Chair Gloria Vales opened the discussion with necessary details of the requirements for holding positions on the New Beginnings Board of Directors. She suggested the Board should consist of President (Chair), Vice President (Co-Chair), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, and Chaplain. Currently, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer must be members of St. Tim's Parish and are elected members. The Secretary, Social Director, and Chaplain are appointed positions. Gloria wanted to include a new position of Corresponding Secretary to incorporate the duties that are currently being performed by Joy Karpinski with sending cards and other written communications. Gloria opened the floor for discussion regarding the new position being created and membership requirements for the other Board positions. A great deal of discussion followed resulting in Gloria asking for a committee to join her in formulating all Board positions and the requirements for each position in advance of the next election in April 2023.

Three volunteers came forward to join Gloria in this effort. The committee consists of: Gloria Vales, Linda Thorne, Connie Fusco, and Joy Karpinski.

Gloria said that some members had approached her about the availability of the Parish Hall for games, cards, etc. after the meeting. Gloria and Joan

Wright will check into the possibility of availability of the Parish Hall. There was also discussion about those members who were interested in crafts, movie attendance, book club formation, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by Chaplain Peggy Kohler with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman

Secretary

s for such a gift. Discussion followed. Dolores Coote made a motion to