

New Beginnings Ministry November Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2022

President Gloria Vales called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and Chaplain Peggy Kohler opened the meeting with prayer.

Cheryl Jones introduced three new members who are all attending a New Beginnings Ministry meeting for the first time. These ladies are: Laurie Bartel, Susan Simpson, and Cathy Hill. We welcome you to our group and pray you will gain new friendships and expand your spiritual horizons as a member of our group.

The November Birthday Lunch will be held on November 27, 2022 beginning at 12:00 PM at the Stonewater Grill. November birthday celebrants are: Rose Oursler and Lori Lencioni.

Gloria introduced longtime St. Tim's member Kathy Gutschmidt to our group. Kathy informed members of the effort by Lifeteen Members and Mentors who are selling Raffle Tickets to assist in funding various Lifeteen activities such as sponsoring students to attend the World Youth Day celebration in Portugal, the annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic and support for other local charitable activities in which Lifeteen members are involved. The winner of the Raffle will win a \$100.00 Amazon gift card. Kathy graciously agreed to stay after the meeting to allow members to participate. Your hardworking secretary is a Lifeteen mentor for the 10th grade girl's Confirmation class, so - in lieu of giving me a raise, purchase those raffle tickets and many thanks to those members who purchased tickets from Kathy at our meeting.

Deacon Peter Burns had been invited to attend the meeting but had to decline the invitation due to scheduling issues.

Secretary Linda Newman presented the Minutes of the October meeting, noting two corrections that had been made to the original Minutes. All members have received a corrected copy of the Minutes. Linda requested a Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected. A Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by Connie Fusco and seconded by AnnE Childers. Motion passed.

Treasurer Joan Wright presented the Treasurer's Report.

Balance brought forward	\$1,059.16
Cash collected from Oct. Meeting	53.00
Expenses: Gift to Deacon Peter Burns	100.00
Bank Balance to Date	\$1,001.16

Motion made by Catherine Masak to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Peggy Kohler. Motion passed.

The Social Director's Report was presented by Lori Lencioni. Lori informed members of the upcoming November Luncheon at Stonewater Grill on November 27th at 12:00 PM.

Lori additionally announced that our annual Christmas Party will again be hosted by Mary Butigan, assisted by Riley Butigan, on December 17, 2022, from 12 PM- 4 PM. Mary's address is 3403 Valley Ranch Drive 33548 in the Valley Ranch "subdivision," which is located off Dale Mabry Blvd., just south of Van Dyke Blvd. Members are requested to bring a dish to share:

appetizer, salad, dessert, small sandwiches, and, of course, EGG ROLLS.
REMEMBER: If you would like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift to exchange, and exchange, and exchange and ... Naturally, Lori will be providing additional details (but you knew that already!).

The Travel Activities Report was given by AnnE Childers, our personal and exclusive travel agent extraordinaire, discussed the latest trip to Myrtle Beach. AnnE reported the weather cooperated and all participating travelers

had a great time. AnnE presented a brief summary of local holiday activities for members to attend personally. Other than the December Christmas Party, there are no scheduled NBM activities in December.

There will not be a membership meeting in December.

Now, in 2023, there will be travel activities galore.

The Ark Encounter April 16-22, 2023. Cost: \$839.00, includes lodging and transportation.

Trip to Italy- 10 days, September 13-23, 2023 Cost: \$4,000.00, \$300.00 deposit required.

AND....**Cruise to Cozumel**, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, February 18. Cost undetermined, as yet.

Your Secretary hears you from all around Pasco and Hillsborough counties: Give us details, details, details. Since your hardworking Secretary can scarcely schedule an Uber, she's telling you to call:

AnnE Childers, 813-948-7484

AnnE is in possession of all details travel-related. Give her a call for information about cost, deposits, etc.

Linda Thorpe, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, presented the Board-approved copy of the By-Laws for membership approval. Members had been emailed a copy of these proposed By-Laws to allow them time to read and review the new By-Laws prior to voting on their acceptance. Linda answered several questions pertaining to the content of the document and called for a Motion to accept the New Beginnings Ministry By-Laws as presented. Joan Wright made a Motion to accept the new By-Laws as presented; seconded by Mary Butigan. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Chairman Gloria Vales re-introduced the topic of choosing a designated logo for the New Beginnings Ministry. The choice was between a bouquet of daffodils and a dragonfly. Both objects are believed to be symbolic of

positivity, and new beginnings. The assembled members voted to adopt the dragonfly as the new logo. More information about selection of a proposed logo picture and t-shirts incorporating the new logo will be forthcoming.

There being no further New Business, Chairman Gloria Vales adjourned the meeting following a prayer and a Hail Mary led by Chaplain Peggy Kohler.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman, Secretary