

New Beginnings Ministry Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Gloria Vales at 1:05 PM. Chaplain Peggy Kohler began the meeting with an Opening Prayer.

Joy Karpinski, Corresponding Secretary, introduced a new guest to our members, Annmarie Jardon. Joy also noted that Barbara Martinez and AnnE Childers were the birthday celebrants for the month of February. Barbara chose to celebrate at Panini's. Those of you who attended her birthday party last year know this lady knows how to celebrate! If you hear dance music when you enter, be advised Barbara has arrived and the party has started.

The February Birthday Celebration Luncheon will be held at Panini's Grill, 3973 Van Dyke Road, Lutz, FL on Saturday February 18th, starting at 12:00 PM.

President Gloria Vales introduced the speaker for this month, Linda Lee Wynn, PA. Linda specializes in elder law and subsequent issues dealing with estate planning, wills and trusts, including necessary insurance directives, guardianship issues if you should become incapacitated, Medicaid, probate guidelines, and bankruptcy concerns. Linda encouraged members to contact her for information even if you have an existing will or trust currently in place. New language has been added or changed with regard to previously existing legal guidelines. To ensure the validity of your documents and to be certain that your will is written correctly to guard against any potential conflicts, Linda recommended a check of your documents to be certain the language is up-to-date and states your desires clearly. **Telephone: Office: 813-274-4994; Cell: 813-695-3795. You may also contact Linda online at LWYNNLAW@aol.com. Several of our members have already contacted Linda for such services and have been very satisfied with the result.**

Vice President Valerie Herrero introduced Deacon Peter Burns, who skillfully and prayerfully guided our New Beginnings Ministry through the myriad issues involved with the transition from a previous leadership format into the one that is now in effect. The New Beginnings Ministry had previously presented Deacon Peter with a cash gift in thanks for and appreciation of his help. Deacon Peter thanked the members for their generosity. As always, Deacon Peter shared a bit of information about saints who were widows. His focus was on St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, the first American saint and is

remembered as the Patron Saint of Parochial Schools. St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton spent her life tirelessly working for the increased educational needs of children. Deacon Peter also stressed the importance of maintaining an outreach program to provide support to other widows and maintaining support for other ministries and community-based activities, such as assisted living facilities. He suggested increased visibility as an organization could be very helpful in expanding the ministerial impact of our group.

Linda Newman, Recording Secretary, did not have a report since there was no meeting in December. However, the Minutes of the November meeting had not yet been formally approved. Linda asked for a Motion to accept the Minutes of the November meeting. Joan Wright made a Motion to accept the November Minutes and her Motion was seconded by Barbara Twomey. Motion passed by voice vote.

Joan Wright, Treasurer, presented her report:

Opening balance	1059.16
Expenditures	- 25.00
(Christmas altar decoration)	
Current balance	\$1034.16

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Linda Thorpe and seconded by Cheryl Jones. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lori Lenciloni, Social Director, asked members if there were members who would be interested in a return trip to the dog races in March and asked if members had suggestions for other activities. The Board will meet in February at which time a calendar of proposed activities will be considered.

AnnE Childers, our personal and unparalleled Travel Guru, notified members of several upcoming travel opportunities.

1. Trip to Ashland KY, Visit to the Ark of the Covenant.

April 16, 2023 – April 22, 2023

\$839.00, includes travel, admission, accommodations, some meals

AnnE STRONGLY encourages travelers to purchase trip insurance for

\$72.00. If you are interested, please contact AnnE 813-948-7484 for more information.

2. Land trip to Italy - Yep – don't look for any cruise ship here. Travelers will fly to Italy. This trip is planned for September. Cost: \$3530.00 including ground transportation. Insurance cost is \$300.00. Air fare has not been finalized. Call AnnE for more details. 813-948-7484.
3. Holiday Trip to Savannah and St. Augustine, Dec. 4-8, \$687.00 covers travel and accommodations. Cut-off date for this trip is the middle of November. Again.....for details call AnnE.

President Gloria Vales presented an Old Business item. The subject of determining a new logo for the New Beginnings Ministry has been ongoing. The choice of a dragonfly has been adopted by a vote of the membership. The dragonfly symbolizes love and hope. Lori Lencioni has discovered (of course, she has!) a vendor on Etsy who can produce shirts at a reasonable cost. She will send the online link to all members.

Linda Thorpe invited everyone to a Super Bowl Party at her home on Sunday, February 12, beginning at 4:00 PM. Details will be emailed to all members.

There being no further business, President Gloria Vales adjourned the meeting and Chaplain Peggy Kohler closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman

Recording Secretary