

New Beginnings Ministry Meeting

February 26, 2023

President Gloria Vales called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Chaplain Peg Kohler asked for prayer requests and asked members to join her in prayer for friends and family members they may hold in their hearts.

Secretary Linda Newman asked for a Motion to accept the Secretary's Report as published and received by members. The Motion was made by Barb Tomey and seconded by Catherine Masak.

Treasurer Joan Wright submitted the monthly report as follows:

Opening Balance	\$981.06
Expenditures	-0-
Deposit of Meeting Collection	<u>60.00</u>
Account Balance	\$1041.06

Barb Tomey made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mary Ann Whallen.

President Gloria Vales reminded members of the upcoming Election of Officers in May and asked members to be thinking of those members who would be interested in running for ministry office. Secretary Linda Newman announced that she would not be running for another term as Secretary and that position did not require membership at St. Tim's or being Catholic unlike those candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Chaplain who must fulfill those requirements. President Gloria Vales and Vice-President Valerie Herrero will not be running for another term of office, either.

The Election Nominating Committee consists of: Joy Karpinski, Lori Lencioni, Peg Kohler, Mary Ann Whallen, and Cindy Houseman

Social Director Lori Lencioni announced she would be running for another term as Social Director. Significant cheering and clapping from the members indicated their approval of her announcement.

Lori announced that the March Birthday members are:

Joy Karpinski, Mary Abdo, Pat Smeltzer, and Susan Simpson. The Birthday Luncheon will be held on March 11, 2023 at a location to be announced.

There will be a gathering of members attending the races at Tampa Bay Downs on Friday, March 10, 2023.

Reservations for the 2023-2024 season of the Suncoast Broadway Theatre are now taking place. A group of members have subscribed to the current season and are well pleased with the performances. Currently, there is a discount for season tickets for the 2023-2024 season. Lori said she would send an email to members outlining cost and availability.

St. Tim's Annual Picnic and Multicultural Celebration will be held on April 30, 2023. Lori would like to encourage members to attend which would allow New Beginnings Ministry members to secure a table if there was sufficient interest.

The annual Mass for New Beginnings members will be held on March 26, 2023 at the 11:00 AM Mass. This is the date of the next membership meeting, as well.

Lori also announced that one of our members, Carolyn Schlite, had been severely injured in an automobile accident two days previously. Joan Wright is coordinating the provision of meals and visits.

AnnE Childers, travel advisor to the specially connected (that's us!!!) presented her report about upcoming travel opportunities.

The trip to the Ark of the Covenant trip scheduled for April 16, 2023 has been cancelled due to a significant rise in overall costs (gas, lodging, etc).

St. Augustine Christmas Trip – December 4-December 8, 2023

Details to be announced later.

Air/Land Trip to Italy, September, 2023 Cost: \$3126.00 plus air fare. Details to follow.

Women in Charge Fashion Show Fundraiser, May 7, 2023. Details? Please call either AnnW Childers 813-948-7484 or Mary Ann Whallen 813-833-4737 for more information.

President Gloria Vales reported on Outreach Ministry activities undertaken by the New Beginnings Ministry. Gloria reported that she had heard that this ministry was not actively conducting outreach activities as stipulated in our

Mission and Vision Statements. Far from not participating and initiating such activities, Gloria presented a rundown of the projects in which the New Beginnings Ministry is actively engaged. These activities include:

Monthly Food Donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

Holiday Boutique participation – Chairing the 50/50 Raffle

Meals-On-Wheels

Greeting Card outreach to members (birthday, get well, condolence)

Providing pertinent information to members via monthly speakers and compilation of a file of recommended service providers

Card Groups and Informal Parties

Continuing outreach to widows within St. Tim's Parish and the community at large to offer support and welcome

Formation of informal groups of members who have special interests in theatre presentations, card games, athletic activities, and travel activities

Encourage and support the formation of other widow's groups to enlarge the helping network

There being no further business to discuss, President Gloria adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM. Chaplain Peg Kohler closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman, Secretary