

Minutes of the New Beginnings Ministry Meeting

March 26, 2023

The Meeting was called to order and opened with Prayer at 1:05 PM by President Gloria Vales. Additionally, Gloria announced that hers was the only April Birthday to be celebrated. There were no new members present at the meeting.

Gloria introduced **Steven Bye of S&B Lawn Service (727)847-6110 (www.sblawnservice.com)** as this month's speaker. Steven's business has been in existence since 1995 and specializes in: Drainage Solutions, Grass/Sod Installation, Landscape Design, Landscape Installation, Outdoor LED Lighting, Pavers/Sealing, Retention Walls, Sprinkler Service, and Tree Trimming and Removal. Steven gave a detailed presentation about the types of services his company offers, illustrating his talk with types of commonly occurring yard, lighting, and sprinkler problems. NBM members Betty Minor and Connie Fusco, have employed Steven's business to solve landscape issues and have been very pleased with the results. Your hardworking secretary (who STILL hasn't gotten a raise!) will be having Steven at her home on April 7th to solve a longstanding drainage issue. She has lost her enviable sense of humor over having her back porch flood after rainstorms. Following his talk, Steven opened the floor to questions and was inundated with many and varied questions.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Linda Newman presented her report and noted two corrections from the Minutes as presented to members via email regarding last month's Minutes. The Arc of the Covenant trip had been cancelled due to lack of participation, not cost; and the Italy trip had been scheduled for September rather than October, as incorrectly published. Linda reported the corrections had been made to the Minutes published on the New Beginnings webpage. Linda asked for a Motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion made by Connie Fusco and seconded by AnnE Childers. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joan Wright presented her report as follows:

Balance brought forward	1041.06
Collected at Feb. meeting	67.00

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

New balance	1108.06
Expenses: Easter Altar Plant	25.00
Table Runner	<u>118.14</u>
Balance to Date	964.92

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Cindy Houseman and seconded by Linda Thorpe. Motion carried by voice vote.

Social Director's Report

Social Director Lori Lencioni announced the date of the April Birthday luncheon asked members about a date for the luncheon and everyone settled on April 15th for the luncheon. Lori will email details for luncheon registration to the members.

St. Tim's Multicultural Day – April 30th. The Women's Club has asked if the New Beginnings Ministry would be willing to help set up for the event on Saturday April 29th. Call Lori if you'd be willing to help or want to attend the event. The annual Multicultural Celebration includes dancing, culturally relevant foods and beverages, and exhibits.

SENIOR EXPO- April 5th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm will be held at the B&B Theatre, 6333 Wesley Grove Blvd., Wesley Chapel. The event is free but tickets are mandatory. Call Lori if you are interested in attending.

Heroes Benefit Breakfast sponsored by Gulfside Hospice. This event will be held at the Plantation Palms Country Club, May 2nd from 8:00-10:00 am. If you would like to attend, please sign up at: www.gulfside.org/community/events for more information.

Travel Update

New Beginnings Ministry's personal travel insider, AnnE Childers, reports there is a trip planned for St. Augustine, Jacksonville, and Savannah, December 4-8, 2023, \$687 double occupancy. Please call AnnE for more details 813-948-7484. Reservations and payment will be collected at the September meeting.

Plans are also underway for an eleven-day cruise to England, Ireland, and Scotland beginning on August 15, 2024, with Norwegian Cruise Lines. The ship will embark and disembark from Southampton, England. Air travel arrangements are the responsibility of each traveler.

President's Report

President Gloria Vales reported on the Multicultural Celebration and the fact that since New Beginnings Ministry had accepted a donation from the Women's Club for our help with the Holiday Boutique, we were somewhat expected to help with this event. Quite a lot of discussion followed regarding a work commitment that was unanticipated by the membership. Members felt since New Beginnings members actively participated in the Holiday Boutique that effort sufficed to secure the donation. Also, members indicated that a majority of women lacked the strength to carry the chairs and tables needed for such a setup. Gloria is going to speak with Donna Boudroux further. Additionally, Gloria reminded members that there is a bi-weekly card game of Hand and Foot underway. Members are playing at Gloria's home. There will be further details sent to members about date, time and location sent by email to members.

Nominating Committee Report

The Election of Officers for the New Beginnings Ministry will take place at the April 25, 2023, meeting. All Board positions are open; however, some members have come forward to offer their services for those Board positions whose current officers are not seeking re-election. The Board members not seeking re-election to their current positions are Gloria Vales, Valerie Herrero, and Linda Newman.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board and those current Board members who want to retain their positions:

Linda Thorpe, President

Joan Wright, Treasurer

Annemarie Jardon, Vice President

Lori Lencioni, Social Dir.

Mary Butigan, Recording Secretary

Peg Kohler, Chaplain

Joy Karpinski, Corresponding Secretary

The floor will be open at the meeting for any additional nominations to be offered by members. The election will take place immediately following the close of nominations. Newly elected officers will begin their terms immediately. The duration of all Board positions will be for one year.

New Business

New Ministry Proposal

Linda Newman, who is currently serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at St. Timothy's Parish, proposed the formulation of a "ministry within a ministry" for New Beginnings. Linda is currently offering the Eucharist to four of our members and wanted to formalize this position. Linda feels a great love for the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit. This position is one in which she feels the Holy Spirit is calling her to create and fill. Our members are in an age-range that includes older women who are more prone to accidents and injuries as well as many who are living alone and lack the transportation to be able to attend Mass and receive Communion. Linda hopes that with communication through members and the Parish Office we will not allow any member to be overlooked and not receive the Host on a weekly basis. This ministry will work as well as NBM members accept the responsibility of notifying Linda (863)450-6061 of any member who is ill, injured, or lacks transportation to the extent they are unable to attend Mass regularly. Prior to putting this ministry into practice, Linda initiated and coordinated these activities and goals through Fr. Blum, Deacon Mike, Deacon Marc, the Parish Office, and the larger Homebound Ministry. President Gloria asked for a voice vote to indicate approval of this new undertaking. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded with prayer by President Gloria Vales at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman

Recording Secretary