

New Beginnings Ministry Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:07, President Gloria Vales, presiding. Peggy Kohler opened the meeting with prayer.

We welcome two new members Cheryl Nungesser and Sina Taylor. We are so happy they have joined our group and we look forward to many happy times together.

May Birthday Celebrants are Cheryl Jones, Cleone Clark, Brenda Snyder, and Cheryl Nungesser.

June Birthday Celebrants are Jackie Hart, Linda Newman (still hoping for that raise!), Madelyn Kiernan, Pat Szaz, Dolores Coote, Nora Coultier, Ellen Coutant, Fran Shealy, and Linda Thorpe.

Setting a date for a May Birthday Celebration was proving difficult due to conflicting commitments by many members. Being ever the problem-solver, Linda Thorpe suggested we combine May and June birthday celebrations; so, that's what we did! The **Super-Dooper Birthday Celebration will be held on June 3rd from 1:00PM -4:00PM at Linda Thorpe's home (16119 Dew Drop Lane, Tampa 33625)**. Peggy Kohler offered to contribute a ham and a turkey for the party. Wow!! Thanks so much, Pegster. Consequently, members are requested to please not contribute another main dish item. Members are requested to contribute **either** an appetizer, salad, **or** a dessert. Please bring a beverage of your choice: either soft or adult. Social Director Lori Lencioni will be contacting members to pull together a list of proposed food contributions. Why is that necessary, you ask? Quick Answer: I know you think your Aunt Mildred's Macaroni Salad is world class, but 10 other members may believe their aunt's Macaroni Salad is world class, too. So, who needs 11 bowls of macaroni salad (world class or not)?

Secretary Linda Newman asked for a Motion to accept the Minutes of the March meeting as emailed to members and posted online. Linda Thorpe made such a Motion. The Motion was seconded by Connie Fusco. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Joan Wright presented her report.

Balance brought forward	\$1083.06
Cash collected at March meeting	<u>39.00</u>
	\$1122.06
Reimbursement for New	
Beginnings Table Runner	<u>118.14</u>
Total Cash on Hand	\$1003.92

Social Director Lori Lencioni reminded members of the Multicultural Fair that will be held on April 30. The Women's Club has requested that our members assist with the set-up on April 29.

The Remembrance Mass in honor of all our deceased husbands will be held at 11:00 AM on April 30, 2017. Reserved seating will not be available but will endeavor to sit together as a group as much as possible.

Lori reminded members about the Birthday Celebration Luncheon/Year End Party on June 3, 2023 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Linda Thorpe's home. She will be sending additional details by email.

Travel Big Shot AnnE Childers reminded members of some upcoming travel opportunities:

Christmas trip to Savannah and St. Augustine, December 4-8. Cost: \$687.00 trip cost and travel insurance (which AnnE highly recommends) \$62.00. Funds will be collected in September.

Trip to Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, Paris, September, 2024

This trip is being coordinated by Linda Thorpe. Airfare to England will be individually purchased. The cost of a reservation for the trip is yet to be determined. If you have questions about this trip, please call Linda Thorpe at 813-781-8959.

President's Report: Gloria Vales reminded members there were two groups having regular card games. Bridge, Tuesdays 12:30-3:00 PM and Hand and Foot. Questions about card games: Bridge: Betty Minor 813-390-3006, and Foot: Gloria Vales 813-263-9924

Election of Officers 2023-2024

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of proposed officers for the new year, effective immediately after election results are tallied. The proposed candidates are:

President: Linda Thorpe

Vice President: Annemarie Jardon

Recording Secretary: Mary Butigan

Corresponding Secretary: Joy Karpinski

Treasurer: Linda Newman

Chaplain: Peggy Kohler

Social Director: Lori Lencioni

President Gloria Vales asked the assembled members if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There being none, President Gloria asked the assembled members for a show of hands to indicate acceptance of the proposed slate of officers. There were no opposing votes and the proposed slate of officers listed above are considered elected.

New Business

Linda McCarthy told members that there was a need in her church to support the establishment of a widow's group like New Beginnings.

Nancy Coulter asked our members to support the widow's group at Our Lady of the Rosary.

President Linda Thorpe responded that one of her primary goals was to expand our ministerial outreach and offer guidance and support to those church groups that ask our New Beginnings Ministry for assistance in establishing or supporting efforts to begin widow's groups within individual congregations when requested. These requests will be addressed when our New Beginnings Ministry returns after the summer hiatus in August/September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newman