

**New Beginnings Ministry
Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2024**

Attendance: 42 Members

Linda Thorpe, President, called the meeting to order at 1:08pm the afternoon of January 28, 2024.

Chaplain Peggy Kohler opened the meeting with prayer and announced the February birthdays; Eileen 2/2, Anne 2/4, Barbara 2/4 and Carleen 2/18.

Prior to January's meeting, members were asked to bring cans of Chef Boyardee to donate to the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. Thanks to all members who contributed.

Guest Speaker

Linda Thorpe introduced the guest speakers Jerry and Meredith Giglia from Trinity Café (St. Timothy's chapter).

The Trinity Café Ministry started in 2001 and later merged with Feeding Tampa Bay in 2019. In partnership, they provide meals to the homeless and serve approximately 500 people daily at their combined three locations. At each location, the recipients are served with dignity in a restaurant style manner with volunteers acting as a server and host assigned to each table.

Linda Thorpe is currently putting together a group of 10 members to volunteer to serve at one of the Trinity Café locations and a service date will be determined. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2023

Secretary Mary Butigan was not in attendance and Linda Thorpe asked if any corrections were needed to the November meeting minutes. There were none and she proceeded with a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara Tomey was first to accept the motion and Peggy Kohler seconded the motion.

New Members

Recording Secretary Joyce Karpinski introduced and welcomed the new members. They are Darcy Hunter, Debbie Bromley, Dee Parrino and Doreen Clark. 2

Treasurer's Report – Linda Newman

Balance brought forward:	\$1,110.97
Credits: November Meeting Collection	48.00
Debits:	-0-
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,158.97</u>

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was called. Connie Fusco accepted the motion and Joan Wright seconded the motion.

Vice-President – Annemarie Jardon

As you know, our Vice-President Annemarie Jardon has been battling pancreatic cancer. In an email to the Board, she provided an update on her condition and other complications that arose. Linda Thorpe, in an email on January 27, 2024, to all group members forwarded Annemarie's update on her condition.

Social Director's Report.

Lori Lencioni reported the following activities:

- Suncoast Broadway shows in Hudson. Lori and some members have already purchased season tickets and these shows have been fun outings.
- We also have our monthly Hand & Foot card game at Gloria Vales' house. This month's game will be held on Saturday February 17th at 12:30pm. Anyone is welcome even if you do not know how to play the game. Gloria or one of the other card sharks will teach you. She just needs to know ahead of time if you plan to attend so adequate tables can be set up to accommodate everyone.
- The February birthday lunch will be held on Saturday February 10th at 12:noon at Long Horn (Citrus Park). An email will be sent to confirm the date and interest in attending.

Upcoming Travel Events – Anne Childers

- The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum – 4/7 to 4/13/2024
- Nashville Show Trip – 6/10 to 6/15/2024
- A Tour of Ireland & Scotland 9/29 to 10/8/2024

Please email Anne if you need more details on any of the above trips. 3

Other Upcoming Events

- Super Bowl Party at Linda Thorpe's house. Please let her know if you are planning to attend and the dish you will be bringing.
- Fresh Market Valentine's Day Special! Dinner or brunch meals. Delicious Entrees Like Crab Cakes, Lobster Tail, Filet Mignon, and Prime Rib! Fully Prepped, Ready-to-Cook Valentine's Meals. All-In-One Dinners For 2.
- Karen Fehr reported she is a member of the Carrollwood Service League which benefits the Joushua House and additionally, the League is celebrating their 50th year of service. They will be having their Annual Spring Fundraiser, which includes a silent auction, lunch, and fashion show featuring Talbots. It will be held on March 14th at 10:30am at the Carrollwood Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen at (813) 505-7321 to reserve your spot.
- Gloria Vales introduced the idea of a picnic, based upon last year's survey of members. Of course, this will take place during a time of favorable weather and Carrollwood Village Park was a suggested venue. Please feel free to reach out to Gloria with any further thoughts or interest.
- The mass for our deceased spouses will be held on April 28th at 11:00am.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **February 25th at 1:00pm** and the guest speaker will be from Dinner Done!

Adjournment

Chaplin Peggy Kohler said the closing prayer.

Linda Thorpe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joan Wright was first to accept the motion and Peggy Kohler seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Cleanup After Meeting

This item was not discussed during the meeting but is being added to these minutes for future protocol.

The Church is providing a meeting space for our ministry to hold its monthly meeting and expects our ministry to cleanup and restore the area to its prior setting as it was

before our meeting. Therefore, after the meeting adjourns, we would like everyone to assist in the cleanup by doing the following:

- Remove all used plates and cups from the table you are sitting at and wipe down the table.
- Replace chairs neatly around the table and remove any chairs that were placed at the table to accommodate additional seating, believe there should be eight chairs to a table.
- Food tables. Remove all food and containers, disposable and reusable, from the tables and wipe down the tables. If you bring a dish to the meeting and all the food was not eaten, please take the leftover food with you when you leave the meeting. Do not assume that others will take it.
- Kitchen area. The containers with any beverages the church provides to us must be emptied and washed before we leave.

Ladies, this is a team effort, and we ask that everyone pitch in at the end of each meeting and assist with the cleanup.

Minutes provided by Cheryl Ann Jones for Secretary Mary Butigan.