

**New Beginnings Ministry
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2024**

Attendance: 37 Members

Linda Thorpe, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm the afternoon of February 25, 2024.

Chaplain Peggy Kohler opened the meeting with prayer and announced the March birthdays; Mary Abdoo, Laurie Bartel, Joy Froom, Dorey Hunter, Ruth Meyer, Pat Smeltzer, Katie McCool, Debbie O'Brian, Susan Simpson, Brunilda Wicker

Prior to this meeting, members were asked to bring cans of corn to donate to the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. Thanks to all members who contributed.

Guest Speaker – Audra – Dinner Done!

Linda Thorpe introduced the guest speaker, Audra Nasser, Owner of Dinner Done!, a locally owned company, that strives for quality portion food. Wonderful dry cookie mix samples were passed out as well as \$15 gifts cards to be sent out after the meeting to try an entrée.

The company can provide:

- Premade meals - entrées, sides, and desserts
- Depending on the item, they are frozen or dry mixes with generous, fresh portions that will provide 2-3 meals.
- Items can be pre-ordered for pick up with no extra fee. Orders of \$100 or more can be delivered 1/month, on a set schedule per location, for \$5.95.
- There is a frequent buyer program "Super Chef", that will provide bonus \$ being added to your account.
- Orders can be placed online or in store.

Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2024 – Mary Butigan

Mary Butigan first thanked Cheryl for taking the minutes at the last meeting during her absence.

The group was asked if any corrections were needed to the January meeting minutes. There were none and she proceeded with a motion to accept the minutes. Joan Wright was first to accept the motion and Barbara Twomey seconded the motion.

New Members- Joy Karpinski

Recording Secretary Joyce Karpinski stated there were no new members.

Treasurer’s Report – Linda Newman

Balance brought forward:	\$1,158.97
Credits: January Meeting Collection	43.00
Debits:	-0-
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,201.97</u>

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was called. Connie Fusco accepted the motion and Peggy Kohler seconded the motion.

Social Director’s Report – Lori Lencioni / Peggy Kohler

Lori reported the following activities and events:

- The March birthday lunch will be held on Saturday March 16th at 12:00 noon at Black Sheep American Pub, 18450 US-41, Lutz, FL 33549. An email will be sent to confirm the date and interest in attending.

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

- Dolores Coote fell and is now in rehab. If anyone would like to visit, please contact Lori Lencioni for details.
- Teresita is recovering from double pneumonia at home. No visitors yet but stay tuned.
- Nora Cotier has fallen and is recovering as well.

Lori will reach out as she has more information.

Peggy Kohler advised that a relic of St Jude will be travelling through the Tampa area Wed 2/28 and 2/29 if anyone is interested:

2/28/24 Wed – St Paul’s Church on Dale Mabry	2 PM to 10 PM
2/29/24 Thu - St Jude’s Cathedral in St Pete	2 PM to 10 PM

Upcoming Travel Events

- Women in Charge Fashion Show featuring Talbots clothing. The organization gives money to promote women in business in the local area. Cost is \$40. Sunday, April 2, 2-4 PM @ Plantation Palms
- Nashville Show Trip – Payment Due by the end of March 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.

Other Upcoming Events

- 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. Reminder, 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 but arrive early as parking can be difficult. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen at (813) 505-7321 to reserve your spot.

- Gloria Vales
 - Has gotten responses that a Picnic would be a great idea! Looking at an April timeframe, possibly at Carrollwood Park. More info to come.
 - Hand and Foot Cards will be played at her house from March 9th, and then every first Saturday for the following months. This is a very fun and easy game to learn! Come and join in! Please, reach out to Gloria directly if you have any interest.

- The mass for our deceased spouses will be held on April 28th at 11:00am.

Closing Remarks- Linda Thorpe

- Elections for board members are due in April with Connie Fusco (Chair), Joy and Gloria Vales on the elections committee.
- Please be aware that St Tim's does have a Parish Resource Library available to all members. This is in the St Gregory Room with many books available to borrow.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **March 24th at 1:00pm. Come earlier to socialize!**

Adjournment

Chaplin Peggy Kohler said the closing prayer.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Cleanup After Meeting

A big thank you to everyone that stayed behind and helped with the clean up!!

As a reminder, St. Tim's 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 original, pre-meeting set up. Another ministry meets in the parish hall after New Beginnings and it would greatly help the janitorial staff if ALL (yes, this means you!!!) members assist 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.