

**New Beginnings Ministry  
Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2024**

**Attendance: 43 Members**

Linda Thorpe, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm the afternoon of March 24, 2024.

Prayer Leader, Peggy Kohler, opened the meeting asking for special prayers for Vice President, Annemarie Jardon as she travels her health journey and gave the opening prayer. March birthdays we also announced for: Debbie Bryant, Doreen Clark, Midge Glazer, Gloria Vales and Betti Walter.

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

**Guest Speaker – Detective Rieger – Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office**

Linda Thorpe introduced the guest speaker, Det. Rieger who works in the Identity Theft and Other Economic Crimes Division and gave a very detailed description and small recap of various scams that are perpetrated against many, with a high emphasis on Seniors.

Various scam types were discussed via email, Computer, telephone, snail mail and text. High points:

- If anyone you don’t know is asking for money and/or gift cards payments, it’s usually a scam.
- Do not click on computer links unless it is from a verified source.
- Mail your item/envelope inside a post office rather than in your own mailbox or outside mailbox.
- If you have been scammed contact FTC.Gov online for resources that you should utilize and initiate 1-year free credit monitoring
- Credit monitoring is always good!
- If there are any questions, please call Det. Rieger and/or the Sheriff’s Department for assistance.

**Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2024 – Mary Butigan**

The group was asked if any corrections were needed to the February meeting minutes. There were none and she proceeded with a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara Twomey was the first to accept the motion and Cindy Houseman seconded the motion. The full group accepted the motion.

**New Members- Joy Karpinski**

Recording Secretary Joyce Karpinski noted there were two new members. Beth Allegra and Shirley Teets were both welcomed!

**Treasurer’s Report – Linda Newman**

Balance brought forward:	\$1,201.97
Credits: February Meeting Collection	59.00
Debits:	-0-
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,260.97</u>

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

**Amended Bylaws – Motion to Approve – Connie Fusco**

The board met and proposed an amendment to the bylaws to change term limits due to the upcoming Board elections and difficulty placing new individuals in office.

- Change from 1-year Term with 1 additional year term to 2-year term with an additional 2-year term. The proposed change was 16 to 21 votes with the 2-year with an additional 2-year term accepted. Lori Lencioni was the first to accept the motion, with Peggy Kohler seconding the motion. Motion was carried by the full group.

Additionally, there was a proposed Board Member Title Change which was also accepted.

- The position of Chaplain will be renamed to be Prayer Leader.

An updated written By-Laws document will be finalized and provided to the group via email.

**Election Nominations – Connie Fusco**

Current Officials

- Linda Thorpe – President – Remaining for Year 2
- AnneMarie Jardon – Vice President – Remaining for Year 2
- Linda Newman – Treasurer – Remaining for Year 2
- Mary Butigan – Recording Secretary – Remaining for Year 2
- Joy Karpinsky – Corresponding Secretary – Remaining for Year 2

**Nominations for vote:**

- Peggy Kohler – Prayer Leader – Agrees to nomination for an additional 2 Year Term
- Lori Lencioni – Social Director – Agrees to nomination for an additional 2 Year Term

Official elections will be voted on at the 4/28/24 meeting.

## **Social Director's Report – Lori Lencioni**

- The April birthday lunch will be held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM Dunderbak's German Restaurant, 14929 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613. Once the restaurant reservation has been verified, an email will be sent to re-confirm the date and interest in attending.
- Birthday luncheons will now continue through the Summer although our meetings will take a hiatus from July to September.
- Thursday 3/28 – Tenebrae Service will be held at 10 PM at St. Timothy's – Holy Family Chapel – Sanctuary. Gloria Vales will be attending if anyone would like to join her.
- Good Friday, 3/29, Signs of the Cross will be held at 12:00 PM, outside the church. A group from New Beginnings will be attending and will have lunch after the ceremony. Please reach out to Lori Lencioni directly for details.

## **Upcoming Travel and Events – Anne Childers/ Connie Fusco**

- Our Lady of the Rosary will be sponsoring High Tea 4/17/24. Reach out to Anne Childers if you have an interest in attending.
- Dinner Done! Flyers and coupons were available at the meeting.
- Oasis Pregnancy Center Fund Raiser being offered by Hungry Harry's. HH will donate 20% of their proceeds to the Charity April 8, 2024, on all dine in and take out purchases from 4 PM to 8 PM.
- 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 21, 2024, from 2-4:30 PM @ Plantation Palms.
- Nashville Bus Trip – June 2024
- A Tour of Ireland & Scotland – 9/29 to 10/8/2024
- Please remember that the Groves Travel Club offers many local trips. There is a small fee of \$5 annually to be a member and obtain all trip information. An example of one of the more recent trips is May 24<sup>th</sup>. The group will be touring the Tampa Bay History Museum with a self-paid lunch at the Columbia inside of the museum.

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

- Operation Stand Down - April 19 and April 20
  - Helps Veterans who are homeless no matter which branch of the Armed Services.
  - Serves them with Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
  - Provides showers, clothes, food, a towel, a washcloth, toiletries for everyone.
  - Services that are provided include optometrist, dental assistance, haircuts, court services (Pasco County only), veterinary services for their animals, bicycles, and Job assistance.
  - Please go to One Community Now on-line to sign up to volunteer.

## **Other Upcoming Events**

- Gloria Vales
  - Has gotten responses that a Picnic would be a great idea! April 17th at Carrollwood Park. More info to come. Additional email sent out. Please contact Gloria directly for more information.
  - Hand and Foot Cards will be played at her house the first Saturday of each month. This is a very fun and easy game to learn! Come and join in the fun! Please, reach out to Gloria directly if you have any interest.
- The mass for our deceased spouses will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Please let Linda Thorpe know if you will be attending as we will be holding space so New Beginnings can sit together.

## **Closing Remarks- Linda Thorpe**

- If anyone has an interest in attending a movie showing of Cabrini, please contact Linda Thorpe directly.

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Come at 12:30 pm to socialize!**

**There will be no meeting in May, but we will have the End of Year Party at Linda Thorpe's house 6/1. As we get closer more information about the address and time will be sent out.**

## **Adjournment**

Prayer Leader, Peggy Kohler, gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

## **Cleanup After Meeting**

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