

**New Beginnings Ministry  
Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2024**

**Attendance: 30 Members**

Linda Thorpe, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm the afternoon of October 27, 2024.

Peggy Kohler gave the opening prayer.

**Guest Speaker: Thomas Spinelli – Financial Advisor – Knights of Columbus**

Our guest speaker gave a full background of how the Knights of Columbus were formed and organized as a Charity Service with a branch that offers financial services. It was developed to cater to Catholic families and utilizes Bishops Guidelines. They have a unique donor fund that will hold assets, including stocks and property, that can be invested and continuously provide charitable funding. If you have any interest and/or questions, please reach out to Thomas directly – 352-895-8486.

**Adopting a Family for Christmas- Peggy Kohler**

Attendees agreed to sponsor a family at Christmas approving \$250 contribution out of the treasury to be utilized for food. Additional presents and other items will be donated by members of New Beginnings on a voluntary basis for those who would like to participate.

Linda Thorpe called for a motion to accept. First person to accept was Barbara Twoomy, seconded by Connie Fusco and the motion was accepted.

**Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2024 – Mary Butigan**

The group was asked if any corrections were needed to the September meeting minutes. There were none and she proceeded with a motion to accept the minutes. Peggy Kohler was the first to accept the motion and Joan Wright seconded the motion. The full group accepted the motion.

\*\* One item that was left off last month's minutes:

**SCAM ALERT:** There is a scam alert that packages are being sent to homes as "gifts". To find out who the "gift" is from, you need to scan the label or an insert in the package. DO NOT DO THIS as the sender will then have access to all your phone data and account data. Be aware.

**New Members- Joy Karpinski**

Recording Secretary Joyce Karpinski noted there were two new members attending: Jerry Chavez and Barbara Feldman.

### **Treasurer's Report – Linda Newman**

Balance brought forward:	\$1,314.97
Credits: September	+ 66.00
Debits: Linda Thorpe, Misc Expense	- 150.00
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,230.97</u>

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was called. Barbara Twoomy accepted the motion and Madelyn Kiernan seconded the motion.

### **Social Director's Report - Linda Thorpe**

- Lori Lencioni will reach out with the Nov Birthday Lunch timing and day
- The next meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup> @12:30 PM for Socialization and 1:00 for the meeting start
- The Christmas Party will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Mary Butigan's house again this year. Please reach out directly to Mary at [MaryButigan@gmail.com](mailto:MaryButigan@gmail.com) if you need the address and or directions.

### **Misc Items– Linda Thorpe**

- Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the Fall Festival – It was a great success.
- Yankee Spring Training game in the spring – Tickets are too expensive at \$80 per seat. We will not pursue this outing.
- Linda Thorpe is coordinating 2 cruises – Please contact her directly if interested.
  - Greece on Norwegian – 5, days, July 2025 – premium drink package included
    - 16 people are attending – still more room
  - Australia/New Zealand 14 days, 12/21/25 to 1/4/26.
    - 3 people are signed up so far

### **Upcoming Travel and Events – Anne Childers (Left early)**

- Anne is currently working on a few new projects for us and will present at our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Connie Fusco
  - Adding a new vendor to our shared list and highly recommended  
Acme2 Window Cleaning Services – Veteran Owned  
Free estimates and a one-time 10% discount  
Call or Text @ 727-248-6049
- Barbara Twoomy
  - Kudos to Anne Childers as the group trip to Ireland was wonderful!!

## **Closing Prayer**

- Closing prayer offered by Peggy Kohler.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM