

**New Beginnings Ministry
Meeting Minutes – Nov 17, 2024**

Attendance: 33 Members

Cindy Houseman, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm the afternoon of November 17, 2024.

Linda Newman gave the opening prayer.

Burnita Wilder, from the Women’s Club and overall Chairman of the Christmas Boutique said a quick thank you to everyone that assisted with the 50/50 raffle. Through these volunteer efforts almost \$2,000 was raised. Great job!

Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2024 – Mary Butigan

Changes to the meeting minutes were presented:

- Nov Birthdays Rose Oursler, Karen Neidig, Sina Taylor and Lori Lencioni to be added

A motion to accept the changes was called by Linda Newman, 1st by Barbara Twomey and 2nd by Madelyne Kiernan. The motion was accepted by all attendees.

Recording Secretary - Joy Karpinski

Joy Karpinski noted was one new member attending – Welcome to Marcelle Khawam.

Treasurer’s Report – Linda Newman

A breakdown of the treasurer’s report from October was updated to include a breakdown of the reimbursement amounts:

- The following changes to update the October 27, 2024, Treasurer’s Report:

Balance brought forward:	\$1,314.97
Credits: September	+ 66.00
Debits: Linda Thorpe Reimbursement	
\$20.00 Stipend for 2024 deceased husband Mass	
\$30.09 Lanyard for Name Tags	
\$100.00 Donation to St Jude in memory Of Annemarie Jardon	- 150.00
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,230.97</u>

A Motion was called to accept the updated treasurer report by Barbara Twomy, Anne Childers was 1st to accept the motion and Madelyne Kiernan was 2nd. The motion that passed unanimously with all attendees.

November Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward:	\$1,230.97
Correction to Oct Report	- 0.09
Opening Balance Correction	<u>\$1,230.88</u>
Credits: October Collection	+\$ 46.00
Debits:	- 0.00
Account Balance to Date:	<u><u>\$1,276.88</u></u>

A motion was presented to accept the change in process that all reimbursements are to go through the treasurer and the November treasurer's report be accepted, 1st accepted by Connie Fusco and 2nd by Madelyn Kiernan. The motion passed unanimously with all attendees.

Social Director's Report - Lori Lencioni

- The November birthday lunch at Olive Garden was a great success yesterday with 25 in attendance.
- There will be no birthday lunch or meeting in December as we have the upcoming Holiday party.
- The Holiday Party will be on December 7th, 12:00 PM at Mary Butigan's house. Lori will be sending out an email with the address and request for the dish you intend to bring. We want to be sure we do not end up with all desserts! This will be BYOB and Peggy Kohler will be providing the holiday ham.
- The group approved Adopting a Family for Christmas for \$250 for food in October. As a reminder, we decided that the gifts would be provided by those in the group that want to participate. We have requested a family of no more than 6 and we should have detailed information no later than 11/27 and will coordinate details at that time.
- Reminder that there is a group that participates in the Suncoast Broadway Theater Series who will be attending the Sunkicks performance in the next few weeks. There may be additional tickets available if anyone has any interest.
- Gloria Vales does a Hand and Food card game usually on the first Sat every month. For December, this will be postponed until Dec 14th since the Holiday party is on Dec 7th. This is an easy game and a lot of fun and there is always room for more so please reach out to Gloria if you would like to join in.
- Kudos to all the ladies that volunteered selling the 50/50 raffle tickets. Your assistance made a big difference.

New Business

- Lori Lencioni asked if the group would like to purchase flowers for the altar for the holiday season. The cost would be \$25. We have done this in the past for the holidays. Linda Newman asked for a motion, Connie Fusco called 1st and Madelyne Kiernan called 2nd. The motion was accepted unanimously.
- Barbara Twomy stated that members had been communicated that to remain in New Beginnings you were required volunteer at various functions. This is not the case and Connie Fusco confirmed there is nothing in the by-laws stating this.
- Guest Speakers
 - The consensus was that we should have occasional speakers and not every meeting.
 - Not everyone is Catholic in the group so these speakers should cover a broader interest. These should be more informational.
 - Gloria Vales stated that we do need input from everyone in the group to move this forward in what would be of interest to them. Suggestions are requested to be given to any of the board members, and we will make sure to review.
 - Suggestion was made to see a possible list of Topics/speakers and review for acceptance.
- Possibly we need a new survey of interests for expanded social activities. This survey needs to be very brief and to the point to be 6-8 broad topics. The Board will find out where the survey results that we did last year and pass that information along.

Upcoming Travel and Events – Anne Childers

- Anne is a licensed travel agent and can help anyone with their travel needs whether it is related to New Beginning or not.
- Rocky Mountaineer Rail Trip
 - No dates yet but a few have inquired. This will not be a cheap trip but others that have gone have thoroughly enjoyed it.
 - Please let Anne know if you have any interest in participating.
- Mt Dora – Lakeside Inn
 - Transportation will not be provided to save \$ or this could also be done as a day trip.
 - Hotel availability – double occupancy
 - Dec 20 – 22nd \$610/night
 - Dec 9 - 13th \$314.17/night
- Royal Caribbean Cruise – Tampa Departure
 - Feb 1, 2025 - 5 nights on the Enchantment of the Seas
 - Ocean View - \$542.18/ person double occupancy with \$75 on board credit
- Margaritaville Cruise is possible for next year – TBD
- Royal Caribbean Cruise – Greece, Athens, Turkey
 - May 23 or June 27 – 7 days – Brilliance of the Seas
 - Ocean View - \$890.92, Balcony - \$1,400 double occupancy
- This Greece cruise can dovetail with a trip that Connie and Pete are putting together in Italy and the Amalfi Coast.
- Ireland Bus Trip – Possible April 2025

- The recent trip was such a great success, several women have asked for another one.
- Itinerary is pending
- Provence, France
 - Small Venue that is highly recommended and very personal.
 - 3 bedrooms with various accommodations – doubles, queen, or twin beds
 - July 6, 2025 – only 3 spots available

Please contact Anne Childers directly with any questions or inquiries.

Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer offered by Linda Newman.

Motion to adjourn offered by Cindy Houseman, was first accepted by Barbara Twomy and seconded by Madelyne Kiernan.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM