

**New Beginnings Ministry
Meeting Minutes – Sept 22, 2024**

Attendance: 35 Members

Linda Thorpe, President, called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm the afternoon of September 22, 2024.

Peggy Kohler gave the opening prayer. October birthdays we also announced for: Irma Gaffney, Karen Glodoski, and Peggy Kohler.

Cindy Houseman was introduced as our new Vice-President.

Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2024 – Mary Butigan

The group was asked if any corrections were needed to the April 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 Joan Wright seconded the motion. The full group accepted the motion.

New Members- Joy Karpinski

Recording Secretary Joyce Karpinski noted there were three new members and welcomed Carol James, Kay Forsythe, and Sandy Kling.

Christmas in July – Joan Wright

Joan wanted to thank everyone for attending the party. There were several items left at her house so if anyone is missing a container or utensil, please let her know. Additionally, she wanted to thank whoever sent over some groceries. They were greatly appreciated.

Treasurer’s Report – Linda Newman

Balance brought forward:	\$1,314.97
Credits: April – August	\$66.00 ** amended from meeting
Debits:	-0-
Account Balance to date:	<u>\$1,380.97</u>

Some reimbursements were made in September and will be shown on the next statement.

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was called. Linda McCarthy accepted the motion and Irma Gaffney seconded the motion.

Social Director’s Report – Lori Lencioni

- There was a good turnout for the September Birthday luncheon.

- October Birthday luncheon time and place still to be determined.
- The Suncoast Broadway series starts again this week.
- Please send Lori any suggestions you might have for activities for the group.

Monthly Meeting Start Time and Miscellaneous Items – Linda Thorpe

- Meetings will start at 12:30 to eat and socialize. The official part of the meeting will start at 1 PM. Meeting dates till the end of the year
 - October 27 at St Tim's Parish Hall.
 - November 17 at St Tim's Parish Hall.
 - December Christmas Party 12/7 at Mary Butigan's home.
- Volunteer Opportunities for the Fall Festival 10/19 starting at 1 PM.
 - Need members to sit under a tent to sell 50/50 tickets.
 - Sign up is on the on-line app. Linda to email out a link.
- Yankee Spring Training game in the spring – late March- Check with Linda Thorpe if interested.
- Groves Travel Club – many activities but do need to be sponsored by a resident of the Groves to join.
- Linda Thorpe is coordinating 2 cruises – Please contact her directly if interested.
 - Greece – 5, days, July 2025.
 - Australia/New Zealand 14 days, 12/21/25 to 1/4/26.

Upcoming Travel and Events – Anne Childers and Connie Fusco

- Nashville Bus Trip – Has been cancelled since there weren't enough people to participate
- France – Hands On Tours – Small Group – June & September. Contact Anne Childers for information
- Greece Cruise – Royal Caribbean with two possible choices
 - May 17th – 7 nights - Venice, Italy, Santorini
 - May 23rd – 7 nights – Athens, Cypress, San Torini, Turkey
 - Contact Anne Childers for information
- The group suggested a possible Canadian Rockies Train Trip.
- September 2025 - Italy and the Greek Islands, Malta – Land Trip. Please contact Connie Fusco if you would be interested.

Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer offered by Peggy Kohler.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM

Cleanup After Meeting

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