



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

Minutes for Meeting on: Sunday, October 13, 2013

Time: During coffee hour

Location: Church Sanctuary

Members Present: 16

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Treasurer's Report: Previous Balance = \$3,789.99 (income: eScrip \$14.54, Expenses: Mama Mia \$102.05; previously designated and held in reserve: \$200 for Sound System and \$1,500 for Sound Panels).

Current Balance = \$2,002.48

1. **Northern Calif. Diocese Women's Retreat:** Saturday, November 16, St. Stephen's Church, Campbell. Must Register before Nov 6th—no at-the-door registration. Everyone got a notice in their box.
2. **Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Party:** Tuesday, November 12th, 6:30 pm at Barbara Schmidt's house. There will be a very brief inspiring presentation by a guest speaker.
3. **Book Study:** the Nov 21st start date (as announced in our meeting) is not workable. The actual start date and book study details will be announced when finalized
 - Time: 7:00-8:30 pm once a week (probably on Thursdays)
 - Location: Barbara Schmidt's house
 - Book: *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives, the life and teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, compiled by the St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood*
4. **Women's Group Patron Saint:** group discussion regarding St. Thekla and St. Elizabeth the New Martyr. Opinions expressed: "should be a modern saint that we can relate to"; "an Antiochian saint to please Archbishop Joseph and honor Metropolitan Phillip"; "we are American Orthodox and we don't need to limit ourselves to choosing only a Syrian saint"; some were not ready to choose; some "want a saint they can relate to". Fr. Tom suggested we pick both saints. A vote was taken and the majority agreed to have two patron saints for our Women's Group: St. Thekla and St. Elizabeth.
5. **The True Olive Connection** (www.trueoliveconnection.com): Monica is planning private evening events for our group (cost is \$120/evening). They only accept groups of 12 maximum, so those interested need to pay their \$10 fee to Monica so she can reserve space. So far we have two groups already reserved in 2014: Thursday Jan 9th and Friday Jan 17th. A third evening group is being formed: call Monica if interested.
6. **Mama Mia's September get-together** was a great success! Thanks to all who came.
7. **Baby Monitors:** the plan to use monitors as an inexpensive "sound system" did not work out. Instead, the \$200 (pledged from Oct 14, 2012 meeting) will be put into the Parish Council's "Sound System Fund" which is for a professional sound system linking the Sanctuary and the Nursery/Fellowship Hall.
8. **No Sunday meeting in November** as we are having a Pre-Advent Party on Nov 12th (see above)
9. **Next Meeting:** Sunday, December 8 – after Divine Liturgy

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