



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

9980 Highway 9, PO Box 458
Ben Lomond, CA 95005

V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

Minutes for Meeting on: October 20, 2009

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Members Present: 5

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Spiritual Enrichment:**

1. St. Matrona of Chios (*commemorated on October 20 and July 15*)

- **Charitable Good Works:**

1. Next Community Dinner will be on Sunday, November 22nd, need volunteers and donations

- **Fund Raisers**

1. Frozen Strawberry Fundraiser: our biggest customer was Mt. Hermon
2. Lessons learned from Strawberry Fundraiser: a) be more exact in finding out what is available for future fundraisers; b) sell to camps (such as Mission Springs or Mt. Hermon, etc) instead of to the public (which was more work and less profitable); c) collect money first when taking orders from individuals
3. Pie Bake-off! Wendy suggested we try a Pie Bake-off Contest as possible fun fundraiser. To be discussed further at next meeting

- **Treasurer's Report:**

1. 2009 Financial Update (*see handout*)
2. Local chapter dues: our \$200 dues for 2010 have been paid—Thank you Maryfaith!

- **Old Business:**

1. Scholarships for the Fall Antiochian Women's Retreat: only one person took advantage of this
2. eScrip: Anne Becker is coordinator; our name is listed as: "Ss. Peter & Paul Women's Guild"
3. Ben Lomond Market Card: Nellaine is coordinator; designating Ss P&P helps earn money to be used for charitable causes.
4. A reminder of our Mission Statement from our March 2007 minutes: *The mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter and Paul is to provide the opportunity for service, fellowship, ministry, and spiritual enrichment for the women of our parish.*

- **New Business:**

1. Weekly laundering of kitchen towels: Nellaine has been volunteering for this project. **We need a new volunteer** for this easy, but necessary task; it was discovered that the infant room laundry (blankets/sheets) were being intermingled with kitchen items—this is probably not a good idea, since kitchen items are often greasy, dirty from floor clean-ups, etc.
2. Nursery Room: after discussion, it was decided that it is best for the mothers who use the Nursery to be in charge of its clean-up, laundry, emptying trash after Sunday use.



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3. October Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for Regional Project: this did not happen this year, next year let's try to plan earlier and continue with this fun event!
4. Regional Project for 2009-2010: last year our mandated project was "Children with Special Needs"; this year it is to support the founding of St. Thekla Convent at Antiochian Village; more on this regional project later.
5. St. Nicholas Party (Dec. 6): **we need a coordinator** to help the few dedicated ladies who carry on this wonderful tradition; decorations need to be planned, volunteers signed up; food and drinks served and clean-up arranged for.
6. Focus on specific charitable causes: in an effort to be more effective, we discussed picking a few important charities for our women's group to adopt and support regularly; next meeting we will continue to formulate ideas for narrowing down charitable organizations we can support.

• **Social Activity:**

1. Next Bunco Night! Monday November 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm, bring light dish to share for potluck (questions? Contact Aimee Newberry)
2. Tuesday Bowling: a few ladies get together for fun, no experience needed: Boardwalk Bowl, every Tuesday 4:00-5:00 pm. Interested? Call one of the following for more info: Karla, Monica, Marilyn, Linda, Earlene
3. Pysanky Egg Decorating for Pascha: Nellaine still has 5 decorating kits available, she is willing to do another Pysanki Egg class and donate the proceeds to our women's group; cost is \$10 for the kit, \$5 for the class. Contact Nellaine if interested.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Officers:

- President: Kh. Terry Beck
- Vice-president: (*vacant*)
- Treasurer: Wendy Sakoda
- Secretary: Linda Young
- Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator: Maria Lindsay