



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: Sunday, March 16, 2014

Time: During coffee hour

Location: Patio

Members Present: 21

Treasurer's Report: ending balance 2/28/14: \$1,835.66

1. Election of New Officers

- a) all are encouraged to consider volunteering to be officers; election will be at our May meeting; brief discussion of duties of each officer; Linda will hand out list of officer duties; Amanda and Karla have already put their names on the list for consideration

2. Fundraising

- a) discussion about *GoodSearch* and *eScrip*; how to use; how many off our parishioners are using it; how much money we have generated; if every parishioner helped even a little we could increase our revenues enormously

3. George Papageorge Retreat

- a) Sarah S., Laurie W. and Karla N. have volunteered to help; Monica is in charge of the Saturday Luncheon; Monica has sign-up sheets for bringing snacks for the Friday evening reception and Saturday morning coffee time; Amanda is helping collect \$; several good ideas were discussed (tape the retreat, have bookstore open, etc.)

4. Constitution/By-laws for our Women's Group

- a) Anna Marie and Linda are working on simple guidelines for our group; Laurie W. volunteered to help out also.

5. General Sharing

- a) Eloise planned on presenting info about the activities of the "Feast Day Committee", but unexpectedly was unable to be present. Discussion regarding the easy, simple guidelines that the Feast Day Committee has written for our celebration of Feasts: a volunteer Host/Hostess to oversee, coordination of the "usual" volunteers who help with Feasts (i.e. table set up, drinks, potluck dishes, clean-up)

Feast Day announcements

Feast of the Annunciation - Tuesday, March 18, 2014

- Baked Salmon potluck to be hosted by Gerry and Kathleen Elwell

Upcoming Feasts - please sign up in church office/MaryFaith

Palm Sunday - April 13, 2014

- Salmon BBQ/Potluck, notice will be placed in the bulletin; women are needed... decorating, general setup, general clean up, Priest will make an announcement that all parishioners help clean, take down table and chairs.

PASCHA - April 20, 2014 (sign-ups will be placed in bulletin and posted during coffee hour)

- Breaking the fast - midnight
- PASCHA picnic



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6. Announcements:

- a) Saturday, May 31 is our trip to the Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga: please give us a head count by signing up soon. Anyone interested in staying overnight? Let us know.

7. Spiritual Reflections, Fr. Tom: *(see below)*

Next Meeting Date: no meeting in April, next meeting May 18, 2014

The Spiritual Life: AND HOW TO BE ATTUNED TO IT

by St. Theophan the Recluse

16. THE TRUE GOAL OF LIFE

One's manner of life corresponds to the goal

“One needs to know for certain the exact purpose of life. Is it not already certain? The general assumption is that, because there is a life beyond the grave, the purpose of the true life, without exception, must be there, and not here. Make it a rule for your own life to pursue this purpose with all your strength.... The first thing that will be opened will be the conviction that here on earth there are only the means to that other life. Look to Heaven, and measure every step of your life so that it is a step toward it.

You ask, “Shouldn’t I be doing something?” Of course that is necessary. Do whatever falls to your hands, in your circle and in your situation—and believe that this is and will be your true work; nothing more from you is required. It is necessary only to do everything in accordance with the Lord’s commandments. Just exactly what is to be done? Nothing in particular, just that which presents itself to each one according to the circumstances of his life, and which is demanded by the individual events with which each of us meets. That is all. God arranges the lot of each person, and the entire course of life of each one is also His all-good industry, as is each moment and each meeting.

As to what He wants, we certainly know that from the commandments He has given us. Is someone seeking help? Help him. Has someone offended you? Forgive him. Have you offended somebody? Rush to ask forgiveness and make peace. Did somebody praise you? Don’t be proud. Did somebody scold you? Do not be angry. Is it time to pray? Pray. Is it time to work? Work. Etc., etc., etc. The purpose is the blessed life beyond the grave; the means are the works according to the commandments.”

Officers:

•President: Leanne Albers •Vice-president: Monica Zweers •Treasurer: Kh. Ellen Steiger •Secretary: Linda Young