



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:

Time: Coffee Hour, Sunday April 1, 2012

Location: Library

Members Present: 14

• **Opening Prayer**

• **Minutes:** Leanne moved to approve. Romina seconded

• **Spiritual Enrichment:** N/A

• **Charitable Good Works:** www.sienahouse.org

1. The Siena House is having a Luncheon Saturday May 12, 2012. They would like our group to help with set-up/clean-up as an introduction to their mission. There will be speakers at the Luncheon as well so we will get an idea of their goals from that. If you cannot make it to the day of the Luncheon there are things to be done in the days leading up. **Denise** will follow-up with Siena House to find out exactly what times and where we are needed.
2. They are also doing a fundraiser in the area with a large baby bottle to collect spare change in, like our food for hungry children boxes, **Anna Marie** asked Fr. Andrew if it was okay to leave the bottle in the fellowship hall for us to drop coins in as we pass. Fr. Andrew said that was fine.
3. There is also another fundraiser for the Siena House in October. More info will follow in the coming months.

• **Fund Raisers:** N/A

• **Treasurer's Report:** N/A

• **Old Business:**

1. **Palm Sunday: Keidi** was at a funeral so she couldn't run sign-ups for Palm Sunday. We asked that people bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

2. **PASCHA April 15. Kh. Terry, Keidi, and Ginny will head up PASCHA**

- The High School students don't care to have an egg hunt so there will be none for them.
- We will not be sponsoring Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for those guests that don't know to bring food. **Instead, please bring extra food to share and coolers if you are concerned about guests and refrigeration.**
- There has been some concern in the past few years about our PASCHA afternoon side dish/dessert offerings and the "first come-get all" occurrence and "Stingy-ness" of offerings. We will be putting a sign up on the Fellowship Hall doors explaining why the doors are closed and we will keep them closed until after Agape Vespers when all the food will be blessed for all to partake. The kitchen will be open to drop off dishes, but the hall will be closed until the blessing.
- **Kh. Maria** asked that those with food allergies be allowed to go first when the time came to eat to avoid cross contamination of food. We decided, instead, to have a separate table set up in the kitchen for Allergy free foods.
- **Karla** asked if the Women's Group would bring back the Adult egg hunt. It was voted out last year and there wasn't enough interest to bring it back this year. **Karla** then asked if she could run the Adult hunt if she got people interested. There were no objections.



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- We have hired **Leticia Escobedo** and her friend **Steve** to be in charge of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen during the Picnic.

3. Kitchen:

- **Janelle** presented our wish list for the Commercial kitchen to the Parish Council.
- **Darcy** received approval to purchase a used commercial dishwasher off Ebay for \$1500. He bought it the next day and paid \$200 less than projected and got 2 free racks thrown in.
- The Parish Council asked the Women's Group how much money we would be willing to donate to the Kitchen renovation. The general consensus was when the money that the church already has set aside for the renovation is exhausted, THEN we can talk about donating money. Also we would rather spend our money on our charity and the sound panels for the Fellowship Hall..

Papa George: +/Δ

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1. Awesome! Bonding experience for our whole church.
2. BOOK PAPAGEORGE AGAIN!!!!!!

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1. Move the retreats we offer away from the big fasts of the year, Lent and Advent. Maybe even have during a non-fasting time. October was suggested due to the light liturgical schedule.
2. Offer a group discussion time afterwards to go over what we learned.
3. Consult the Men's Group in the future for their ideas on topics, dates/times, suggestions in general.
4. Friday night was difficult to attend for a lot of people, maybe have Friday night be youth group and young adults only.
5. Get a bigger white board for the diagrams.
6. Have retreats more often during the year.

• New Business:

1. Noise Dampening in the Fellowship Hall:

It was suggested that we sponsor/purchase sound panels for the Fellowship Hall after we all struggled to talk over lunch and breaks during the retreat. The idea of curtains was also offered up. We put it to a vote and the resounding majority would like to do panels. The curtain topic can be revisited after we see how the panels do. This has to be approved by the Parish Council and there will have to be fundraisers because they will cost approx. \$3000, our account is below that with other things to be paid for as well. One of the officers will present to the PC.

2. Work Day for Teen Room:

The PC has requested that we have another work day to re-organize the Teen Room. There was lots of work done last year to make the room usable for people again and things got moved around. Since there are some very large things in there this will have to be done with the Men's Group. We will pick a date after PASCHA.

Towels:

April: Leanne and Kh. Terry



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May: Brook, Rebeca and Romina if help needed

Social Activity: Palm Sunday and PASCHA

Bible Study: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month @ Leanne's home from 7:30-9pm. The book is *Bread and Water, Wine and Oil* by Fr. Meletios Webber

- Next Meeting Date: **May 6, 2012** immediately following Divine Liturgy
- Time: 40 min.

Officers:

- President: Janelle MachNee • Vice-president: Ginnette Petras
- Treasurer: Brooklyn Grube • Secretary: Anna Marie Oakes-Joudy