



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: November 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Members present: Kh. Terry, Romina, Laurie W., Kriss, Brooke, Maryfaith, Monica, Wendy, Linda

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Spiritual Enrichment:**

1. Shared comments from Fall Women's Retreat

- **Charitable Good Works:**

1. Reminder: Sunday Community Dinner, November 22nd
2. Discussion of possible list of charities for adoption by Women's Group (*see attached*). It was agreed that we need to establish guidelines/parameters for our chosen charities. We need to be certain that they meet our own Orthodox moral guidelines. Laurie Woolworth and Brooke Grube offered to help research those already suggested. Any further ideas, comments, suggestions or opinions regarding this, please let your concerns be known to Laurie, Brooke or Linda.
3. Coffee Hour Canned Food Drive (through December): it was suggested that instead of offering IOU's to those who forget to bring their canned food to donate, the women's group have cans to sell for \$1.00! Laurie will bring a dozen cans "for sale" to start. Brooke offered to re-decorate the Food Barrel.
4. Jesus, Mary and Joseph House: Kriss Saad discussed the Youth Group, who are putting together a Christmas gift basket for the JMJ House and she asked the Women's Group to help contribute; Kriss will let the Women's Group know what is needed

- **Fund Raisers**

1. Results of the Strawberry Fundraiser: \$2,144.51 total profit

- **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Current Balance for the month of October 2009 = **\$6,360.48**
2. Income Total for the month = \$1,063.86
(Interest earned: \$0.26, eScrip: \$20.10; Strawberry Sale (: \$1,043.50)
3. Expenses Total for the month = \$430.00
(Retreat Scholarship: \$230; Diocesan Dues: \$200)
4. Acolyte Robes: progress has started towards purchasing several new robes, thanks to the Feb'08 Cervantes Memorial Luncheon (thank-you Rebecca and Romina!) which raised \$480, specifically earmarked for acolyte robes.

- **Old Business:**

1. First Aid Kit has arrived and needs to be mounted in kitchen; a suggestion was made to place a box of band aides near it so that the emergency kit is not "raided" for minor cuts and scrapes.



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• **Old Business** (continued)

2. Weekly laundering of kitchen towels: since we have had no one step forward willing to help with this, Linda Y. agreed to continue through November and December; Kriss S. volunteered to take over for January 2010. **We need new volunteers.**
3. Organization of Nursery Room: the parents who regularly use the nursery need to form a co-op to monitor and pick-up the room (especially since the room is scheduled for cleaning once a week).
4. Second Week Coffee Hour Group: Romina reminded us that there are no Group 2 leaders (the Lewis' and Rebecca and Romina Cervantes have resigned); **we need Coffee Hour leaders for the second Sunday of the month.**
5. Funds dispersed to Men's Group: it was decided not to donate any "starter" funds.

• **New Business:**

1. St. Nicholas Party, December 6th: **Maryfaith has a sign-up sheet and needs help**; the Coffee Hour Group for that Sunday will prepare coffee and something to eat after Church (as usual), but no sweets, as these will be part of our St. Nicholas Party!
2. 2nd Annual Ladies Group Advent Party: Scheduled for Tuesday December 15th at 6:30 pm. Unless someone else volunteers to host this event, it will be (by default) at Linda Young's house again. **Contact Linda if you want to host this event.** Stay tuned for more details.
3. Christmas Eve Party: Romina will co-chair a Festive Christmas Eve Celebration in the Fellowship Hall to break the fast after the Nativity Service on Thursday night December 24th. Stay tuned for more details and information!
4. Twelve Days of Christmas Celebration! Back by popular demand! Watch the Church Bulletin for more details.

• **Social Activity:**

1. Women's Bunco Night: first Monday of every month. If you haven't been to one of these *fun* evenings, you don't know what you're missing! Give it a try! We'll take a break during these busy holidays and resume again on **Monday February 1st, 2010.**
2. Tuesday Bowling group: Come join us for lots of fellowship and (yes) some bowling every Tuesday, 4:00 pm, Boardwalk Bowl. Call Karla Newberry or Monica Zweers for more info.
3. Girls Night Out: Monica Zweers is organizing a fun ladies outing for Tuesday December 8th. More details to come. Mark your calendars!

Next Meeting Date: No December meeting. Instead of a business meeting our next meeting will be for the Ladies Advent Party on Tuesday, December 15

Officers:

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