



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

Minutes for Meeting on: March 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Members Present: 11

• Opening Prayer

• **A Word from Fr. Andrew:** offered encouraging and inspiring thoughts for us

• Spiritual Enrichment:

1. Reminder that the Antiochian Women's Southern California Spring Retreat at Camp St. Nicholas, Frazier Park: April 3-5, 2009: it's not too late to sign up.
2. Since no one else volunteered, Maria Lindsay (our Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator) again shared with the group, this time offering enlightening tidbits from the book, The Forgotten Medicine—the Mystery of Repentance.
3. Reminder: anyone can share a book, retreat info, life of a saint, etc. Contact Maria.

• Charitable Good Works

1. Community Dinners: This is a *Parish wide activity*, not just the women's group
 - participants are found through VCU (notices are sent out in the Grey Bear Bags), Highland Park Senior Center and Valley Resource Center;
 - suggestion: provide take-home containers so that participants can bring left-overs home
 - frequency: best to offer meals at the end of the month, when participant's finances are "depleted", it was voted to start out providing these dinners on the 5th Sunday of every month, plus extras for special holidays (i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc)
 - a committee needs to be appointed to manage and run these dinners
2. Next Community Dinner: Chili (both vegan and meat) Sunday March 29, 2-4pm: sign up sheet is with Kris Saad

• Fund Raisers:

1. North American Antiochian Women's Project for 2009: *Children with Special Needs*
 - although we collected \$770 from last Sunday, we can still continue to collect monies
2. Nellaine has volunteered to teach Psyanky Egg decorating and contribute her entire fee (\$5) to the women's group; participants can also purchase a kit for only \$12—a great deal!
3. eScrip was again discussed: everyone is encouraged to help by using eScrip

• Treasurer's Report

1. the financial report from Jan-March 2009 was handed out
2. next month we will be able to send the report along with the minutes via email

• Old Business:

1. Kitchen First Aide Kit: Nellaine has been looking for an appropriate one, Costco presently does not have one in stock, she will continue to watch for it
2. Celebrating the Twelve Feasts: we need volunteers for 2009 to coordinate; Linda will post sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall
 - the Men's Group will provide fish (and cook it) for the Feast of the Annunciation!
Yea, Go Men's Group!!!
 - Pascha Celebration: Kh. Terry will do sign-ups; Romina will arrange to hire the efficient husband/wife team from last year to again help with clean-up.

- **Old Business** (continued)
 3. Kitchen Refrigerator: the Church Secretary will be asked to print and post small signs on fridge to remind us all to label items, toss old items, and not leave stuff from coffee hour, meals, etc.
 4. Missing Kitchen Items: Donna and Nellaine did a wonderful job of searching for lost kitchen items, as well as providing a lengthy inventory of Kitchen Equipment Items.
- **New Business**:
 1. Diocese Antiochian Women's Brunch & Meeting (10:15am – 1:30pm) on Friday, May 22 at the Parish Life Conference in Santa Clara:
 - Fr. Andrew volunteered the church secretary to look into how to attend and what sign-up forms (and costs) are needed; the women were encouraged to take advantage of having a diocese meeting so close and try to attend, if possible
 2. Topics left for next month:
 - Resignation of Vice President
 - Simplified Roberts Rules of Order
 - Cotton Canvas Tote Bag: black, screen printed with “Antiochian Women” logo
- **Social Activity**:
 1. We need ideas for possible fun social activities and we need volunteers willing to suggest and/or help organize something simple and easy
 - Aimee suggested having a “Bunko Night”, she will follow up on this fun idea

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday April 21, 2009