



# Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

## Minutes for Meeting on: Sunday, Dec 9, 2012

**Time:** During coffee hour

**Location:** Church Office Library

**Members Present:** 16

→ **Next meeting: Sunday, January 13**

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report:** (Kh. Ellen) current balance as of 12/5/12 = \$4,617.64

### • **Agenda Items**

#### 1. **St. Nicholas Party (Ginny was not present to give report)**

- a) there were complaints that it was extremely/uncomfortably loud in the Fellowship Hall
- b) some glitches with Sign-upGenius.com were noted
- c) it was requested that next year St. Nicholas Vespers start a half hour earlier at 6:00pm!

#### 2. **Coffee Hour Groups (Katie was not present to give report)**

- a) no changes until January
- b) goal = keeping the prep/clean-up to a minimum
- c) Fr. Andrew expressed how essential it is to have this fellowship after Church
- d) it was suggested that we "stock" the pantry with staples that can be used last minute if not enough food is brought

- e) it was agreed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month (due to the monthly Community Dinner) be a Women's Group Coffee Hour, (foods, i.e. Costco muffins), be sold for minimal price to raise \$ and keep the kitchen clear for dinner prep
- f) those families in the 4<sup>th</sup> Week Group will be incorporated into the other 3 weeks
  - g) Amanda B. offered to do Costco runs
  - h) it was suggested that the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month could also be served by the Women's Group

#### 3. **Baby Monitors: Monica** is purchasing and will have available to mothers with small children who have to leave the sanctuary for brief periods

#### 4. **Sign-upGenius.com (Ginny was not present to give report)**

#### 5. **Archdiocese November Women's Retreat (Leanne):**

- a) Mother Melania from Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga was the excellent and down-to-earth speaker
- b) brief overview: "*we are a community of Christ, partakers of the Life of God; when we are baptized we are grafted into the Body of Christ; being members of Christ means we are members of one another; we must stay in the sacramental life of the Church for that is our salvation; sin (like cancer) in my life affects the whole body; if myself or others in the Body are*



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*“sick” it is in our best interest to pull together and help each other—we are not complete without everyone.*

6. **Holy Assumption Women’s Monastery, Calistoga:** it was suggested that the women’s group organize a field trip next year to visit the monastery
7. **Sienna House: Barbara S.** reported that she has not had any responses from Sienna House, she will report next month
8. **Nativity Party: Ginny** was not present to give report
  - a) Fr. Andrew stated that there will be no services on Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, so having the party after the Nativity Eve services is OK with him
9. **Tablecloth Laundering:**
  - a) it was agreed that one or two tablecloths is OK to be left for the assigned monthly laundry person, but more than that needs to be done by the persons who set them up for a large event
  - b) it was suggested that tablecloths and kitchen towels be laundered separately
  - c) having well-labeled, separate laundry baskets for them would help
10. **Kitchen Towel Laundering sign-ups:**
  - a) it was suggested to use Sign-upGenius.com for these reminders as well as post in kitchen
  - b) Linda Y. offered to set it up
11. **Selling “donated” Frozen Fruit as Fundraiser:**
  - a) Monica reported that neither Mt. Hermon nor Redwood Christian Camp are interested in purchasing frozen fruit
  - b) it was agreed to postpone this topic until next year to see if we can find another interested buyer.
12. **How do the women want to be informed of minutes and agendas from meetings?**
  - a) only 8 women out of 42 responded to an email request
  - b) discussion postponed until January
13. **Fund Raisers:**
  - a) it was suggested that we form a Fund Raising Committee
  - b) Linda Y. will send out email/note in boxes asking for volunteers
13. **Spiritual Aspect of Women’s Group**
  - a) it was suggested that we try to incorporate this into our Women’s Group, it was agreed that we would address this topic at the next meeting
- 14. **Ladies Christmas Party: Barbara S. volunteered to host it at her house**
  - a) Date: Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm
  - b) potluck of your favorite hors d’oeuvres + drink to share **OR** favorite dessert + drink to share
  - c) gift exchange of \$10 or less



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d) **Leanne** will set up Sign-upGenius.com and **Linda** will inform Church Office

## “TO DO” LIST / OPEN ACTION ITEMS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
12/9/12	Ginny P.	Give report on St. Nicholas Party
12/9/12	Katie Z.	Give update on Coffee Hour reorganization
12/9/12	Ginny P.	Give report on usefulness of Sign-upGenius.com
12/9/12	Barbara S.	Give update on our “chosen” charity, Sienna House
12/9/12	Ginny P.	Set up Sign-upGenius.com to organize Christmas Eve Nativity Party after Liturgy
12/9/12	Linda Y.	Set up Sign-upGenius.com for laundering kitchen towels
12/9/12	Monica Z.	Organize field trip to visit Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga in 2012
12/9/12	Kh. Ellen	Investigate ideas for incorporating a spiritual aspect into Women’s Group
12/9/12	Barbara S.	Organize Ladies Christmas Party for Jan 3rd
12/9/12	Leanne A.	Set up Sign-upGenius.com for Ladies Christmas Party
12/9/12	Linda Y.	Send out notices regarding formation of Fund Raising Committee
12/9/12	<i>(open)</i>	Women’s Group Coffee Hour: January 27, 2013
12/9/12	<i>(open)</i>	Tablecloth Laundering: set up second dirty basket & labels
12/9/12	<i>(open)</i>	Donated frozen fruits as possible fundraiser?

Officers:



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