

AW Meeting Minutes 9/26/21

13 women in attendance

We began with our Antiochian Women's prayer and the troparia of our Patron Saints Elizabeth and Thekla.

Treasurer's Report

Valerie P. gave the treasurer's report. We have earnings from AmazonSmile (\$81.22 since last Sept.), Goodshop (\$136.91), and iGive (\$25.16). These are all passive earnings from online purchases of our women. Our balance is \$1853.84. Anyone who would like to see the whole report can contact Valerie.

Annual Report

A copy of the Annual Report for the Parish Council was distributed.

Fundraising

We reviewed several of the ways we can earn money passively through online purchasing. We encourage everyone to check their status with AmazonSmile to be sure they have selected Ss. Peter and Paul, as well as signing up for iGive and Goodshop. *Ginny P. volunteered to write up a summary of the options and how to sign up for them.*

New Business

The North American Board (NAB) of the AW has a new "E-Bulletin" which will be distributed monthly as a way to connect our ministries across the Archdiocese. We will receive this month's edition via email this week.

Book Study

This past year's book study of *The Holy Angels* is wrapping up in the next few weeks. A new book has been selected for the Archdiocese entitled, *"Mary As the Early Christians Knew Her"* by Frederica Matthewes-Green. A description of the book will be emailed and we should consider whether we want to use this book or another book for the next study. We can have multiple groups that meet at different times and read different books.

Acts of Mercy

We didn't contribute donations to the NAB Project the past two years, but the new project for 2022 will be partnering with Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. Sarah would like to set aside a future meeting to learn more about this ministry and how we can help. We should also discuss at our next meeting ideas for "Acts of Mercy" we can do during the Nativity season. Please send any ideas you have to Sarah.

Election of New Officers

According to the AW By-Laws, new officers should be elected every two years in May. 2021 is the year for electing new officers, and because we didn't do it in May, it should be done at our next meeting. There are four positions that are held for two year terms; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Despite the titles, the group works together on most things

and roles can be discussed and distributed amongst the officers. Please consider and pray about how you might serve in one of these positions. Please contact Sarah if you would like to know more specific information. We will hold an election at our next meeting at the end of October- early November.

A Word with Fr. Christopher

Father encouraged us to focus on developing our fellowship with one another in love and friendship. He answered a few spiritual questions as well.

Upcoming Events

- **Book Study** will meet Tues., October 5 at 7pm at Leanne's house
- **Fall Gathering** in Orinda, CA October 8-10. Saturday at 9:30-1pm is the AW Meeting followed by lunch. See flyers for details and registration info. A few women are going from our parish on Saturday if you would like to carool. Contact Leanne Albers.
- **Koffee with Khouria**, Thursday October 21 anytime between 10am-noon. Stop by for coffee and fellowship at the Dillons. Kids are welcome too. This is a regular event on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- **All Church Advent Retreat**, November 20 with Fr. Nicholas Speier. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event. Please let Fr. Christopher know if you are interested in helping.

Next Meeting

The women present agreed that Sundays after church are the best time to meet. We will either meet on November 7.