

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

MINUTES FOR MEETING ON: Thursday June 15, 2017

Time: 7:00pm / Location: Fellowship Hall / Members Present: 11

Treasurer's Report: ending balance as of 6/22/17 = \$880.78

1. **Spiritual Enrichment**

- Fr. Nathan read the "Thought of the Day" from May 26 (available on the Antiochian LA & West Diocese website)

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from 5/20/17: Approved

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- We are not currently in good standing and need to pay dues for this year. Fr. Nathan forwarded email with information and form to complete. We will try to get dues paid before Parish Life Conference (PLC) in July.

4. **Book Study**

- Kr. Mandy reported that the first book study took place at Leanne's on 6/13. 8-10 women attended and they discussed the 1st chapter.
- Darlene will look up the link for the study guide to share with others that cannot attend a study in person
- No meetings will take place this week (June 20) due to Parish Council meeting in the evening and the morning study will start up June 27 at 10am at Monica Zweers house.

5. **Fundraising**

- We spent a few minutes pairing up and brainstorming ideas for fundraising for the Women's Group.
 - Ideas included; "requiring" membership dues (\$20-\$50/yr), car wash, soup suppers, hosting flea markets or craft fairs, food festival, square/line dancing in the barn, karaoke, wine and paint night, and chocolate, wine and cheese night.
- We have two areas of fundraising: one for the Archdiocese and one for local charities or causes of our choosing
 - Leanne remembered there were guidelines developed years ago to address what organizations the Women's Group should donate to. We may need to review and update this guidelines in a future meeting.
- Archdiocese fundraising was directed at "Strengthening the Ministries of our Church" for the past year with funds due this past May 1. We voted to send 20% of our account balance to support this.
- Future designated fundraiser for Antiochian Women will be FOCUS. Will research this for the upcoming year.

6. **Kids Summer Church Camp**

- Planners of the camp read a letter to the parish about ways that members can help support camp (prayers, skills and finances).
- Darlene motioned to donate \$75 from the Women's Group to support buying a small book for each child to be given out at the end of camp. Motion was seconded and approved.

7. **Archdiocese Issues**

- Parish Life Conference: Kr. Mandy will attend the AW's Brunch and represent our parish in early July in Southern CA.
 - Keidi will create a PLC Chapter Report to submit
 - Keidi will research creating a basket representing our parish/diocese as a fundraiser for the "Widowed Khouria" fund.
- 8. Future Meeting Dates**
- We discussed rotating times and dates for meetings to see if we could get different/more women to attend. For example, each quarter we can have an evening weeknight meeting, a Saturday morning or late afternoon meeting with a potluck, and we may be able to have one Sunday Coffee Hour meeting if we can arrange it with the current choir practice conflict.
 - *Our next meeting will be SATURDAY, JULY 22 @ 8:30am for breakfast social and meeting with optional clothing swap to follow.*

2017-2019 Officers

- Facilitator: Keidi Lewis
- Co-Facilitator: Claire Perez
- Treasurer: Leanne Albers
- Secretary: Sarah Steiger