



# Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

## Minutes for Meeting on: Sunday, February 10, 2013

**Time:** During coffee hour

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, March 10, 2013

**Location:** Church Sanctuary

**Members Present:** 20 including Fr. Andrew

### • Opening Prayer

• **Treasurer's Report:** current balance = \$4,200.29

### • Agenda Items

#### 1. **Vote on re-defining our focus as an Orthodox Women's Group**

- a) 16 present and 1 write-in vote = **17 voted to change** our Women's Group by letting go of the organization of the Parish's social activities and turning our group towards spiritual enrichment, charitable acts and fellowship.
- b) 1 present and 5 write-in votes = **6 voted to not change** but to keep Parish social activities under the women's group
- c) there was some discussion regarding the change: most notably, many expressed legitimate concerns that if the Women's Group does not oversee Parish Social Activities, then no one will and our Parish will suffer for it
- d) the Women's Group officers are committed to an effective transition to ensure that Parish Social Activities continue. We will try this new change for a year and re-evaluate.

#### 2. **Spiritual Enrichment**

- a) Kh. Ellen read an excerpt from Mother Melania's (Holy Assumption Monastery, Calistoga) February Newsletter

#### 3. **→ Monastery Visit for a day**

- a) Saturday, March 9, 2013 is our day trip to visit Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga
- b) our visit will be from 10:00 am – 3:00pm: we will have a tour, possible short talk, lunch with the Sisters, and possible option for helping with a project.
- c) we leave from Safeway Parking Lot in Felton at 7:30am to make the 3hr drive, returning back home around 6:00 pm.
- d) there is an optional overnight trip planned for Friday March 8-Saturday March 9 for those able to manage that option. Either way, the Saturday trip is our main trip.
- e) PLEASE RSVP TO KH. ELLEN STEIGER FOR EITHER THE DAY TRIP OR THE OVERNIGHT. (deadline to RSVP is March 2nd for day trip and by February 25th for the overnight)

#### 4. **Community Mountain Resources**

- a) CMR are looking for volunteers: see the meeting agenda or Sunday's bulletin for details. If interested call the Church Office.

#### 5. **Charity Report**

- a) Barbara Schmidt reported on the Sienna House and the many ways our Women's Group can volunteer. See Barbara if interested in helping.

#### Officers:

•President: Leanne Albers •Vice-president: Monica Zweers •Treasurer: Kh. Ellen Steiger •Secretary: Linda Young