



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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V. Reverend Father Andrew Beck, Pastor

Minutes for Meeting on: September 28, 2014

Time: during coffee hour

Location: Patio

Members Present: 20

- **Opening Prayer:** — Fr. Tom led us in prayer and the reading of the troparions of our Patron Saints.
- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Fr. Tom spoke to us about mercy — the compassionate, steadfast love of God towards us and read scriptures out of Matthew and Ephesians. He asked us to reflect Christ's steadfast love by caring for others.
- **Charitable Good Works:** The new treasurer, Maryfaith Woods made the announcement that all obligations are up to date at this time. Payments will be made in February.
- **Fund Raisers:** The ongoing fundraisers, Good Search and eScrip were discussed. Linda Young has agreed to be the liaison for these. Please contact her if you have questions or would like to sign up.
- **Treasurer's Report:** ending balance 8/31/14 = \$1,601.40
- **Old Business:** The minutes from May 18th were passed out and read. Katie made the motion to approve them, Anna Marie seconded and they were approved. The Thursday evening book study is in progress. They have chosen a new book, "God's Path to Sanity".
- **New Business:** Karla Newberry, the new president, spoke about her vision for this group in the next 2 years. She wants us to be an organic community of love, operating in authenticity and reality. Kh. Maria Lindsay, the new vice president, talked about focusing on the good of each other, not the negative — we are all part of the same Body. She commented on I Corinthians 12:15: "If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" We need to live in real love and mercy with each other. Kh. Maria announced that she was beginning a book study at her house on Monday evenings at 7 PM. They will be reading the same book as the Thursday group. Kh. Ellen asked that someone take on the washing of the towels for the month of October as she will be gone. Call her if you are able to do it. The position of secretary for the group is still open. If you are interested, please contact Karla.
- **Social Activity:** We will be having dinner at the Crepe Place on Tuesday evening, October 14th at 6 PM. All women are welcome!

Next Meeting Date: November 4, 2014 @ 7 PM — meeting at Kh. Maria's home