

Reverend Father Nathan Thompson, Pastor

MEETING MINUTES

February 3rd, 2019

- **Opening Prayer, Troparia of Patron Saints**
- **A Word from Fr. Nathan** - *discussed today's Gospel reading about using our gifts/talents to serve others, not on earthly things. God will increase our gifts if they are used for His Glory.*
- **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes** - *Approved*
- **Treasurer's Report** - **current balance of \$585.51 as of December 10, 2018.**

- **AOCWNA News and Updates**

- **Fundraising:** The Archdiocese asks us raise funds each year to benefit two worthy causes. This year the causes are:
 - i. Humanitarian Shared Act of Mercy to support FOCUS (Education Support for School Children*) **this has been updated by our AOCWNA President*
 - ii. 2019 Antiochian Women's Project: Building a New Cathedral (NAB project)

We voted to hold a Vegan Bake sale for Palm Sunday 4/21 to support both

Ongoing Fundraisers: *We are asking each women to participate in these and we can help set it up if you ask us!*

- **AmazonSmile**
 - i. To join choose Ss Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church as your nonprofit
 - **eScrip** - Please update your accounts: <http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/>
 - i. To join choose Ss Peter And Paul Women's Group as your nonprofit
 - **Goodshop/Goodsearch** = 1% purchase price goes to our group
 - i. When signing up choose: Ss Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church Women's Group
 - **iGive** (www.iGive.com) = iGive is 300% (or more!) better than Amazon Smile. When signing up choose: Ss Peter and Paul Women's Group. Ask Sarah to help you!!!
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- **Save the Dates:**
 - **Trip to walk in the footsteps of St. John Maximovich in SF, Sat. March 9th,** starts at the old cathedral at 10:30am, then to St. Tikhon's Orphanage, then to the new cathedral. All parish members and their families are welcome (including kids).
 - Women's Lenten Retreat, April 12-14 @ St. Nicholas Camp, Frazier Park.
 - Parish Life Conference will held July 3-7 in San Diego.

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- *Fall Gathering, October 25-27, Ss Peter and Paul hosts (that's US!)*

- **Upcoming Events:**

- **Third Tuesday Monthly Bakery Meet-Up, 10am at Gayle's Bakery in Capitola.**
- **Book Study:** Thursday mornings @ 10am in the Nursery.
- **New Book Study:** We discussed starting up a Lenten reading group with possible a new book. One idea is to read "Lenten Spring" by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Leanne has offered to host a Tuesday night place to meet either regularly or sporadically during Lent. Let her know if you are interested in this.

Discussions:

- Other ideas for "Acts of Mercy" service projects, spiritual development, or social events
 - *Valerie P. suggested we support Pregnancy Resource Center of Santa Cruz by collecting needed items for their new mothers and babies gift baskets. The group agreed and Valerie will get back to us with more info. On what is needed.*
- March is Antiochian Women's Month. We discussed possible ways for women to participate in services and will consult with Fr. Nathan about possibilities. Once we know we can reach out to parish women who are interested.
- Social Event in May- We discussed some possible ideas for a social event such as brunch at the Crow's Nest, a tea gathering, a visit to Filloli Gardens and a sleepover at big house or hotel. A few people were interested in visiting a tea house, but not interested in hosting a tea party as a women's group. Please submit ideas to one of the officers with information about location, cost, etc.
- Election of new Women's Group Officers in May. We will send out more information as it gets closer to May, but we ask that you consider whether you may want to become more involved in the women's group as an officer. Keidi, Sarah and Leanne are happy to answer any questions about what they do!

9. Next Meeting Date: Sunday, May 19th.

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The purposes of the Antiochian Women are:

1. To develop among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese a spirit of Christian leadership, awareness and commitment as taught in the Holy Orthodox Church.
2. To foster among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese a genuine expression of love and service through works of charity, and
3. To instill among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese and the community at large a sense of fellowship and a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Antiochian Archdiocese and the Orthodox Church.

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/women/about>