

Reverend Father Nathan Thompson, Pastor

MEETING MINUTES

October 21st, 2018

Present: 14 women and Fr. Nathan

- Opening Prayer, Troparia of Patron Saints
- A Word from Fr. Nathan: Repentance is everything. When we miss the mark, we should seek Him and ask forgiveness. Being united to Christ is the most important thing.
- Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Approved
- Treasurer's Report - current balance of \$332.73 (after \$250 dues to Archdiocese, not including earnings from Harvest Festival Bake Sale).
 - Future dues will be incorporated into church budget. Thank you, Linda Young for the suggestion.
 - A big plug for: AmazonSmile - \$49.26 in August; total earnings as of September 24, 2018 = **\$139.27**
 - Harvest Festival Bake Sale Fundraiser = **\$75** (Thank you, Michelle Auldridge!)
- **AOCWNA News and Updates**
 - Fall Gathering, October 12th and 13th in Pomona. (report from Sarah)
 - i. Dues and Membership Update: our dues are used to support many good acts of mercy within the Archdiocese.
 - ii. 2019 Antiochian Women Project: Building a Cathedral at the Antiochian Village
 - iii. Humanitarian "Acts of Mercy": we can choose what we want to do either locally or through organizations supported by the archdiocese.
 - iv. Public Relations: Winter newsletter submissions due: 11/25 (articles, photos, etc)
 - v. **Save the Dates:** 2019 Women's Lenten Retreat, April 12-14 @ St. Nicholas Camp, Frazier Park. The 2019 Parish Life Conference will held July 3-7 in San Diego.
 - 2018-2019 Book Study: "*The Sweetness of Grace*" by Constantina R. Palmer. Book Study meets Thursdays, @ 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall with Pres. Mandy facilitating. Additional groups can form to meet at a different time. Please let Mandy know if you are interested in an alternative time to meet.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Monthly Bakery Meet-Up, 9:30am-11:30am.
 - *November 19th: Coffee Meet-up. It is during the Nativity Fast and also a week when kids are off of school, so it is better to meet at someone's house. Karla Newberry volunteered to host: Thank you, Karla! 9:30-11:30ish at Karla's, kids welcome.*
 - *December 18th Coffee after 9:00 prayers at church.*
- **Fundraisers**

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- *Listed below are passive fundraisers that we would like church members to consider participating in.*
- **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) = 0.8 % purchase price goes to our group. When signing up choose: Ss Peter and Paul Women's Group
- We should consider one or two fundraising events throughout the year to raise more fund for our AW Project. Next meeting we will decide on our next fundraising effort.

8. Looking Ahead:

- Meet the Matushka: Q & A with Matushka Joanna Roades from St. Nicholas in Saratoga (idea originated from Valeryia).
 - This idea was discussed but there were some concerns about receiving Orthodox information that was more culturally focused that might not pertain to our parish. No decision was made to pursue this.
- We discussed other ideas for “Acts of Mercy” service projects, spiritual development, or social events. We want women to share ideas with us.
 - Writing cards to those who are sick or suffering, care packages, make postable quotes from the Bible or Holy Fathers to give out,
- Another trip to St. John Maximovich, with families and men. A few people are interested in doing this in early 2019.
- Parenting author Sr. Magdalen is coming to SF at for a free conference, 11/17, families are encouraged to attend. <https://www.facebook.com/events/527908937656379/>

9. Next Meeting Date: January 2019 - date TBA

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

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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>