

Philoptochos General Meeting

March 12, 2017

Church Fellowship Hall

Quorum is called at 12:15

1. **Opening Prayer** given by Erin Strategos

2. **Opening Comments** - Erin Strategos

- Thank you everyone for showing up today after church!

Roll Call sign up sheet is going around make sure that you sign it - 14 members present

3. **Minutes** from last General Meeting held February 5, 2017

Motion to accept the minutes made by Eva Lance

Motion seconded by Nicole Strategos

Motion passed

4. **Treasurer's Report** - Elaine Dorlis

Georgia Drulias, our treasurer, couldn't make it so we pretty much have the same numbers as last time:

Current Checking Account Balance: \$ 8,685.37

Current Savings Account Balance: \$ 1,511.19

Total Balance: \$ 10,196.56

Outstanding Obligations (Kids-n-Cancer): \$ 4,400.00

Total Balance: \$ 5,796.56

Liringis Memorial Account: \$ 4,487.74

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Kelly Demestihias

Motion seconded by Presbytera Despina Chaffee

Motion passed

5. **Membership Update**

- a. We only have 20 members, we need to get more people to join! Lets all try to go out and recruit someone before our next meeting in May.

6. **Clean Monday**

- a. We had very low attendance this year compared to previous years (about 40 people)
- b. Elaine Dorlis commented that she should have made the flyers sooner instead of just relying on the church bulletin to remind people about it (was only done the day before so if you were not in church, you did not get a flyer)
- c. Mary Chicklenis voiced her concern that it was a lot of work for us to put together and not a lot of people participate.
- d. Erin Strategos stated that we should keep this on our radar and in November have a discussion on whether we should continue it

7. **Mochas for Mission**

- a. People have started to pick up cups and Father Joseph is reminding people each Sunday about the program
 - b. We will need lots of help collecting the cups on Pentecost which will be June 4th
8. Holy Cross Luncheon
- a. This is scheduled for next Sunday March 19th after church
 - b. The list is as follows:
 - i. Pasta (12 pkgs linguini) - Presbytera Despina Chaffee
 - ii. 6 Large Cans of Clams- Elaine Dorlis
 - iii. Salad (6 bags) Nicole Strategos
 - iv. Bread (3 bags each) Sahar Ayoub & Pam(Dorothea) Jones
 - v. Minced Garlic-Sahar Ayoub
 - vi. Olive oil- Eva Lance
 - vii. Taramasalata- Soula Schoell
 - viii. Chopped Parsley- Erin Strategos
 - ix. Chopped Basil- Erin Strategos
 - x. Drinks-Kelly Demestihis & Katerina Copeland
 - xi. Desserts (fasting) Helen Huntalas, Mary Chicklenis, Angela Becerra
 - xii. Cups-Erin Strategos
 - xiii. Utensils, napkins & dinner plates-Olympia Hackleman
 - xiv. Dessert plates-Helen Huntalas
9. Kouvouklion Decorating
- a. April 14th - Holy Friday morning
 - b. Olympia Hackleman is chairing this and she shared some pictures on her phone with the group regarding the vision for decorating this year.
 - c. Erin Strategos suggested making a color copy to show those who are decorating.
 - d. Olympia mentioned that she would like some white and gold ribbons to make bows and if anyone wants to donate that (Kelly Demestihis volunteered)
 - e. Decorating will begin at 9:00 am that morning
10. Newsletter
- a. Thank you Namaz Habroun for passing out the newsletters to the community.
 - b. Elaine Dorlis would like someone to take over this part of our ministry to help keep parishioners informed, it only has to be done 4 times a year. Angela Becerra volunteered to take it over starting in the Fall.
11. Upcoming Dates:
- a. March 19th - Holy Cross Luncheon
 - b. May 7th - Nominations Meeting
 - c. May 21st - Elections
 - i. This meeting was originally scheduled for June but due to the National Philoptochos asking us to have our elections before the end of May we moved our meeting up a few weeks.
12. Outing Ideas - Elaine Dorlis has been working on some ideas for us to have some outings based on the groups expressed desire at the last meeting:

- a. Monastery Trip: Friday April 21st - this is the feastday of the Life Giving Spring Monastery in Dulap. We would set up a carpool and travel together. Elaine suggested meeting at the Strategos Medical Group parking lot at 6:00 am for those interested so that we can be on time for church. We would then stay up there for lunch and return in the afternoon.
 - i. The Group likes this idea and we will put it forth in the upcoming church bulletins

- b. Bravoland (Bravo Farms in Kettleman City off the 5 Freeway): Elaine suggested we meet around 3:00 on a Sunday at the Strategos Medical Group parking lot and carpool to Bravoland. There are antique shops and casual browsing opportunities available, and there is a BBQ restaurant there that we can enjoy an early dinner and return back to Bakersfield. This is a quick turnaround trip probably lasting 4 hours total.
 - i. The Group liked this idea as well and we agreed to have it on Sunday May 21st.

- c. There is a Metropolis Kids-n-Cancer Reception scheduled for Sunday May 7th at 2:00 pm in Newport Beach with Metropolitan Gerasimos if anyone would like to attend. The cost of attending is \$75 per person and ALL proceeds benefit the Kids-n-Cancer program.
 - i. Due to the high cost of this event (entrance, gas for the cars and raffle prizes etc) the group opted not to push this event out to the membership.

13. Additional Business:

- a. Reservations for the St George Celebration Dinner/Dance are ongoing. The last day to register for the Dinner/Dance will be Palm Sunday, April 9th.

14. Closing Comments/Closing Prayer offered by Everyone!

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Faithfully Submitted By:

Elaine Dorlis