



ST. IRENE'S PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2018

Meeting Start Time: 6:34PM

1. Please sign-in / Opening prayer

Attendance recorded on Ipad

2. Recording Secretary's Report

Per Pam S., January meeting minutes were previously emailed to Philoptochos members for review.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes: Val L.

2nd Motion: Helen P.; Motion passed

3. Corresponding Secretary's Report

Per Mary C., cards were sent to the following:

- Tina Babalas for the falling asleep of her husband
- Stavroula Kazan for the falling asleep of her husband
- Olympia Wheeler for the falling asleep of her dad

4. Stewardship

Per Pam B., currently have 50 members signed up. The list was circulated during the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Eleni S. shared the treasurer's report, provided Felia. The current balance is \$9490.90

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Anna T.

2nd Motion: Meli P.; Motion passed

6. Mail Box

Items were staged on the table for review before and after the meeting

- Thank yous were received from the VA hospital in Bedford and the Children's Medical Fund

7. Updates from last meeting

- 2018 National and Metropolis commitments were discussed and voted on at the January meeting. February & March - All set for commitments
- Flowers for Lenten Season
Donations have been received for most of the icons. \$1100 has been collected to date. Maria Z. and Meli P. will select and the order flowers.
- Philoxenia House
A recent wish list was received from the Philoxenia house. Anna T. will provide a write up to include in the weekly bulletin. Plan is to collect items through April 15th and deliver in May.

8. New Business

- Women's Lenten Retreat – March 17
- Metropolis of Boston announces an Evening with Yvette Corporon- Thursday, April 26
Members expressed interest in supporting and attending this event.
Motion made by Christine V. to donate \$250 (Pisti level)
2nd Motion: Mary C.; Motion passed
- PMC fundraising effort by Lou Saledas was discussed.
Motion made by Pam B. to donate \$300
2nd Motion: Mary C.; Motion passed
- What's going on at St. Nicholas? Ministry-Sharing
Eleni S. shared a GOYA event, which was a potluck lenten meal followed by a discussion on suicide and depression. Sharing info on this GOYA event generated much discussion among the Philoptochos members. There is interest in having a speaker/discussion on anyone of the following topics: Depression,

Suicide, Cancer, Heart Health,. Members are encouraged to share any topics of interest for a future meeting.

- Palm Sunday Fellowship, April 1st

Philoptochos traditionally hosts Palm Sunday coffee hour and provides paximathia for adults and children. Previous years, paximathia were ordered from Arlington Bakery.

Motion made by Val L to purchase paximathia this year.

2nd Motion: Christine V.; Motion passed

- **Easter Eggs donation**

Mary C. will organize a sign-up for cooked red eggs, for Holy Thursday morning.

9. **Next Meeting:** April 16th 6:30-8pm

10. **Closing Prayer/ Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting End Time: 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Saledas