

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes  
April 4, 2017

Those in attendance were: , Joanne Bislow., Gail Peterson, Pastor Beth Pottratz, Gloria Soukkala, Sue Gustafson, Donna Myhre, Pat Butcher

Meeting was called to order by Sue G. at 6:15 p.m.

No Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report was read and approved.

### **Old Business:**

Kitchen Supplies: A discussion on coffee cups and which kind to purchase. One consideration was that some of the cups we have had in the past get very hot to hold. One possible solution was to purchase knitted sleeves to place over the cups. It was decided to continue to use the paper cups for now and order another case of them.

Kettle River Pastor's Conference: Pastor Beth reported that everyone who attended the meeting at Salem was very appreciative of all the efforts of those who helped put it together. A special thanks to Joanne & Donna for the lovely table settings. Pastor Beth also reported that the lunch funds that were contributed that day will be added to the Soul Sisters treasury.

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering: This will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's in Cloquet. Salem is in charge of the registration and name tags. Donna reported that she has the name tags ready to go and if one person would be available to help her at the Registration Table that would be appreciated.

### **New Business:**

2017 NE MN Synod WELCA Convention/Summer Gathering: This will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, MN (south of Grand Rapids), June 7 – 9. Beth has information and registration materials if anyone is interested in attending.

### Correspondence:

- Thank you was received from Indian Ministries for our contribution.
- Voyageur's Lutheran Church Camp at Lake Vermilion – Information was received on summer camp there. Cost of the camp is expensive and we discussed possibly contributing something from Soul Sisters to help defray the cost of any youth who might be interested in attending.
- Vacation Bible School will be held in conjunction with Bethesda, Our Saviors and Zion Lutheran churches this year. Contributions would also be welcome for this.
- Salvation Army

Communion Set-Up: Dave Eller has offered to set up Communion each Sunday. We will still be responsible for the clean up after Communion.

Easter Schedule: A question was asked about having an Easter Breakfast at Salem. Beth reported that no Easter breakfast was planned for Salem this year. The Youth will be serving breakfast at Elim as a fundraiser. We discussed doing an Easter breakfast at Salem next year.

Treats: Joanne offered to bring treats to our next meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bible Study: We discussed not having a Bible Study at our regular meeting night, instead there is a Bible study which meets on Sunday evening at 6:30 which might work out better. It was felt that there wasn't enough time for it at our Tuesday night meeting. We can discuss this more at a later time in regards to next year.

Kitchen Concerns: We discussed the possibility of needing more soup bowls so that we could have some at the Hall and also some in the church basement. It was decided that new small coffee pots should be purchased for the church basement since the old plastic ones there were not suitable to use any longer. We also talked about a system to try and monitor the kitchens both in the church basement and the Hall to try and keep them cleaner and more organized. It was discussed that it would be helpful to have a list of rules for kitchen use, and also labels for where things are to be put away, etc. A committee of Joanne and Sue was formed to check out the kitchens and make some recommendations on how to proceed.

Roofing Fund: We discussed the possibility of doing a fundraiser to help with the cost of finishing up the roof on the north side of the church. Ideas suggested were a Mother/Daughter style show with old wedding dresses, a Women's Day Salad luncheon, Rummage Sale, Hootennany "Craft Fair", etc. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Pat Butcher, Secretary