

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes  
December 6, 2016

Those in attendance were: Donita Korpela, Joanne Bislow, Donna Myhre, Lori Carlson, Jody Eller, Esther Peterson, Nancy Olsen, Jean Hendrickson, Pastor Beth Pottratz, Gloria Soukkala, Barbara Nelson, Pat Butcher

Meeting was called to order by Jean at 6:00 p.m. with a devotional on Advent from the "Gather" magazine.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

- The current balance in checking is \$7,579.75
- Joey Krog Benefit – income was \$6,053 minus expenses. A check will be issued to be paid toward Joey's van loan at the bank. This will allow him to refinance the loan and his monthly payments will be reduced. Everything sold at the benefit except one quilt and jacket. The final financial report on the benefit will be included in Salem's Annual Report for 2016.

**Old Business:**

Bible Study – A new Bible Study group using the "Gather" magazine was discussed. The possibility of trying to combine it with our monthly meeting was discussed. It was decided to try it next month and do the Bible Study from 5:30 – 6:30 and then have our meeting begin at 6:30. It was also decided to not have a potluck but to just do a dessert or bars and coffee. Pat and Gloria volunteered to bring the treats for our January meeting. We decided to try this and see how it works out so at our next meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will begin at 5:30 with Bible Study and then have our regular meeting beginning at 6:30. We won't have a Potluck, instead it will just be coffee and a dessert or bars.

**New Business:**

Birthday Party for Residents at Augustana in Moose Lake - Pastor Beth reported that she had received a request from Augustana Care in Moose Lake asking if Soul Sisters would be interested in hosting a Birthday Party for the residents there. It would mean committing to one monthly party per year and we were asked to provide ice cream and treats for the residents. The party would be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:00. We could also provide some type of entertainment for the group if we wanted. After some discussion it was decided that we are not interested in doing this project at this time.

Meeting Location - It was decided to meet in the church basement during the winter months in order to save on heating costs at the Hall.

Christmas Caroling will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

Donation Ideas - Jean asked for any ideas on how best to use some of the funds in the Soul Sisters account. Some ideas were:

- Replacement windows in the Fellowship Room and Pastor's Office
- Memorial tree in honor of Pastor Estrem
- 4 long, white tables for the Hall. They could be used for Confirmation as well as other events
- LAMP Indian School Ministry

Donna made a motion, Lori seconded, to purchase windows for the Fellowship Room and Pastor's office. We will get estimates on these and then decide how much our donation will be. Also, it was decided to go ahead and donate \$100 to LAMP (Indian School Ministry) and purchase the 4 tables for the Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

We made 22 cookie boxes which were distributed to shut-ins and elderly in our Congregation and community. Thanks to all who helped with this!

Pat Butcher, Secretary