

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes
January 3, 2017

Those in attendance were: Kay Henninger, Nancy Olsen, Gail Peterson, Jody Eller, Jean Hendrickson, Gloria Soukkala, Sue Gustafson, Pat Butcher

Meeting was called to order by Jean at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jody handed out a detailed Treasurer's report to summarize expenditures and income for 2016. She reported that the 4 long white tables were purchased at Sam's Club for use in the Mahtowa Hall at a cost of \$425.71. The purchase of new windows for the church office was discussed with the Property Committee and it was decided to wait until spring to purchase and install them. The current balance in checking is \$7,257.82.

Old Business:

Kitchen Shower –Last spring we discussed the idea of having a kitchen shower to help stock the new kitchen at Salem Hall with items that are needed. After discussion it was decided to wait until our next meeting and then try to get a list together and possibly just purchase the items that are needed. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

New Business:

Lenten Services - Soup Suppers: Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year and Easter is April 16th. We are not sure what the plan is for this year and whether we will be combining our service with Elim. Jean will get further information for our next meeting.

Sidewalk Shoveling: Jean wondered if we had any thoughts on how to handle this since not many people were signing up to help. Some ideas were: hiring a young person in the neighborhood and paying them to do the shoveling, checking in with the youth group or the Confirmation students to see if they might be interested. No action was taken. It was felt the Council will deal with getting it done.

Reformation 500 Kick-Off – Jean handed out a brochure announcing two Reformation 500 Kick-Off events that we might be interested in attending. The first event will be on Saturday, January 21st and will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing. On Sunday, January 22nd the event will be at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. The keynote speaker for both days is Bishop David Zellmer of South Dakota. The event is free and everyone is invited to attend. Pastor Beth and Jean are attending.

Thank You – A big "thank-you" to Jean and her sister for all the work done on Joey's Benefit! It was a huge success!

Funeral Procedures – Discussion and questions were asked about what the procedures are when there is a funeral. Esther Peterson is still the contact person for the funeral homes. She then will contact the person who is head of that month to plan what needs to be done. It was felt by some that more communication is needed to let others know if more help is needed. This is something that we can work on to try and do a better job.

Treats – Nancy & Jean volunteered to bring the treats for our next meeting on February 7th.

Motion by Gail to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Pat Butcher, Secretary