

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes  
March 7, 2017

Those in attendance were: Jean Hendrickson, Gloria Soukkala, Sue Gustafson, Sue Bumann, Pastor Beth Pottratz, Pat Butcher

Meeting was called to order by Jean at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.

**Old Business:**

Kettle River Pastor's Conference: The event will be held at Salem on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Estimated 12 people to attend. Salem is asked to provide breakfast and lunch. The breakfast is taken care of as Jean will purchase fruit and provide the muffins or rolls. TJ's will provide meat, cheese, lettuce, buns, etc. for deli sandwiches to have for lunch. We still need to provide bars and 2 people to help serve that day. There was a question of cost and it was decided that Salem would be paying for it. Usually most of the cost is covered by donations by attendees the day of the event. (The Kettle River Pastor's Conference meets monthly and includes 30 or more pastors.) Pastor Beth will be doing a program on Immigration. Motion by Sue for Soul Sisters to pay these expenses. Second by Gloria.

Synod Summer Convention. Pastor Beth spoke about the convention this summer from June 7-9. Ages 18-45 can apply for a scholarship to cover the costs. This is meant to encourage younger people to attend.

Women's ELCA Nationwide Conference. This is held every 3 years and this year it will be held in Minneapolis. The dates are July 13 – 16.

Hoots Polka Party. This event will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Hoots will be taking care of everything.

**New Business:**

Environmental Concerns. Jean brought up the issue of being more environmentally friendly at church. One thing we have talked about doing in the past is cutting down on our use of disposable products when serving treats on Sunday after church. Sue G. noted that we have been spending quite a lot on kitchen supplies. The cost has been averaging about \$120 per month. The cost of \$120 also includes the cost of coffee, napkins, etc. We could cut down somewhat on the costs by not buying paper cups and plates and disposable silverware, but that would mean more dishwashing. Sue made a motion to wait until fall to re-evaluate this. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45. Second by Sue.

