

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes
November 1, 2016

Those in attendance were: Gail Peterson, Esther Peterson, Jean Hendrickson, Pastor Beth Pottratz, Donna Myhre, Sue Gustafson, Donita Korpela, Pat Butcher

Meeting was called to order by Jean at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions – Sue G. read a devotional “Fruits of the Holy Spirit”.

Secretary's Report was read.

Treasurer's Report: Jody was not able to attend so she sent a copy of the Treasurer's Report and also a written report on the Meatball Supper. Expenses were questioned as they seemed high. The question was raised as to how the expenses compared to last year.

Esther moved to accept Secretary and Treasurer's Reports.

Old Business:

Meatball Supper – Advertising for the event was discussed. There were many good comments on the kids serving the meal. We might want to consider extending the hours next year. (Possibly from 3:30 to 7:30.)

WELCA Kettle River Conference – Jean and Pastor Beth attended. Beth was appointed to the Nominating Committee for the coming year. There is a need for younger women to attend. We discussed the possible reasons why the younger women don't attend. (The fact that they are usually held on a week day, during the day might be one reason.) The Kettle River Conference meets twice a year with the next meeting being held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Cloquet in the spring of 2017.

Kitchen Shower – It was decided that it is too busy now to hold it and so it was decided to wait until after the first of the year and then decide what to do about it.

Joey Krog Benefit – December 3rd – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Music by the Holy Hootenangers. Volunteers are still needed to help plan, serve food and help out at the benefit. A Taco Meal will be served.

A silent auction will also be a part of the event and items are needed for that. An idea that Jean mentioned was bringing six or more homemade Christmas cookies or cupcakes on a plate to donate to the auction. The recipe could also be included with the cookies if you wish. She passed out some Christmas paper plates that could be used for the cookies. There is also a need to borrow tables to place the silent auction items on.

There will be three types of auctions that night: silent, live and on-line. Luke Lekander will handle the on-line auction and Jim Myhre will be the auctioneer for the live auction.

The raffle will be held at 6:30 p.m. Questions were asked about the raffle. There will be at least 6 prizes, 3 of which are quilts. Joey and his family are selling raffle tickets. Minimum bids will be set by the family

that donates the prize. If you have Silent Auction items it would be best to let Jean know ahead of time, but not absolutely necessary to so.

New Business:

Communion – More juice is needed on each tray. Probably best to set up the tray using ½ juice and ½ wine.

Martin Luther Exhibit – Minneapolis Institute of Art – January 15, 2017. Jean showed us a brochure and told us about this event. She mentioned the possibility of traveling down there on a bus if there was enough interest. (Possibly the “Hoots” bus might be available? We would have to check with them to see if that would be a possibility and who might be willing to drive.)

Women’s Bible Study Group – Pastor Beth and Jean spoke about this. The possibility of having it on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting in January was discussed.

Christmas Meeting – December 6th. Sue Gustafson agreed to be in charge of organizing the Christmas Cookie outreach project that we have done in the past. Everyone is asked to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to our December meeting. We will use them to make up the 20 or so boxes that we will deliver to shut-ins and older members of our congregation, in addition to others in our community that are in need. Donna will purchase the boxes similar to the ones used last year.

Parla Bell – Pastor Beth reported that 60 newsletters are going out on email now. Hopefully more will sign up in the future. This will save postage and volunteer time to assemble.

Community Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social – Wednesday, November 23 - 7:00 p.m. – The service will be a joint one with the Mahtowa Covenant Church. It will be held at Salem this year. We discussed whether to have the Pie Social in the Hall or in the Church basement. No decision was made. Volunteers are needed to bring pies and to help in the kitchen. It is estimated that we will need about 10 pies. Please sign up with Pastor Beth if you are available to help in the kitchen and/or bring a pie.

Gail made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Pat Butcher, Secretary