

Salem's Soul Sisters Minutes  
October 4, 2016

Those in attendance were: Joanne Bislow., Gail Peterson, Lori Carlson, Jody Eller, Esther Peterson, Jean Hendrickson, Pastor Beth Pottratz, Gloria Soukkala, Sue Gustafson, Nancy Olsen, Kristine Janeksela, Pat Butcher

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

Devotions – Jean.

Secretary's Report was read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in checking is \$4,903.52. The Parish Nurse portion is \$505.46.

Nurse's Report: Joanne reported that "A Night of Conversation about Mental Health" will be held at Salem on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Coffee and goodies will be served. Child care will be available. The guest speaker will be Amanda Radtke. She is a therapist at the Human Development Center in Cloquet.

### **Old Business:**

Fall Kitchen Shower – It was decided that we will postpone it until our November 1st meeting.

Joey Krog Benefit – Volunteers are still needed to help plan the benefit. We discussed donations for the event. We discussed that it was necessary for someone who is a member of Thrivent Financial to apply for the \$250 donation from them. (Possibly Esther or Caleb?) A silent auction will also be a part of the event and items are needed for that. The event will be held on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### Meatball Supper – October 22

Jody and Joanne are heading up the committee to plan the Meatball Supper. Jody showed us the Thrivent Action Team box that was received from Thrivent. It contained T-shirts, posters, etc. Thrivent also gave a \$250 donation toward the Meatball Supper. Jody gave us a report of what is being done to get ready for the event. Tickets are ordered, posters are being made, sign-up sheets have been prepared for the various working teams, 42 pies have being donated, large signs are made. Jody will attend Confirmation on Wednesday night and ask for volunteers to help with the serving team. We still need to notify the newspapers and other churches, etc. Total of cash donations so far is \$502.00 (This includes the \$250 from Thrivent.) It was decided to have soft background music again this year. Jody will ask for volunteers. We also discussed what charity goal the proceeds might be used for.

WELCA Kettle River Gathering – A reminder to attend on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Topic this year is Restorative Justice.

Prayer Chain – We would like to start a Prayer Chain again and ideas are needed. Beth recommended a Prayer Chain email format for those with email and then add on phone contacts for those without email. Beth is working on setting something up.

### **New Business:**

New Bible Study Group – Jean suggested forming a Bible Study Group that possibly would meet before our monthly meeting. This was done in the past. A possible format would be to use the “Gather” magazine which has a Bible Study in the back of each monthly issue. The subscription price is \$10 per year. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Devotions - Sue G. volunteered for next month.

Fund-Raising Opportunities: Jean told us about some fund-raising information she had received in the mail. We should think about which organizations we might want to donate to.

Community Garden – The possibility of using some of the property behind the church to plant a community garden next spring was discussed. Surplus from this could be donated to the Food Shelf.

Thank You – The Sunday School teachers & kids sent a “Thank-You” to us for setting up the treat trays to send over to the Hall on Sunday mornings for them. It is working out great!

Gail made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Pat Butcher, Secretary