

St. John Ladies Society Meeting
3 March 2026

Present:

Melissa Grable, Janice Wilson, Rosie Calhoun, Rita Simon, Toni McDonald, Sharon Voegli, Kris Taylor, Mary Ann Westmeier

Opening:

The meeting was called to order and followed by our usual prayers. Rita and Toni had birthdays respectively in January and February and acknowledged with the birthday song.

Reading of Prior Minutes:

Minutes of November meeting accepted with some revisions to the treasurer's report. Motion to approve (with revisions) made by Rosie Calhoun, seconded by Mary Ann Westmeier.

Treasurer's Report:

Report given by Sharon Voegli. Correction made in Ladies Society Checking as Eileen Ogden donation was actually for Capital Campaign in the amount of \$1,375. On 12/8/2025 there is a \$500 deposit without notation. That is being verified as to where that came from and Melissa following-up with accountant to be sure notations are always included on entries. New balance in the checking account is \$11,674.78.

Funeral Account appears to be missing \$1,000 for Steve Zigan and possibly a \$585 amount. Balance before verification of the about two items, is \$5,142.46.

Petty Cash balance is \$3,198.26. This is a decrease from previous and have been told balance is still too high for a petty cash fund so will spend down. Cleaning Crew had requested a new cordless vacuum. This can come from Petty Cash and Sharon Voegli is checking into this purchase.

Petty Cash Disbursements Guidelines, etc. will be included with the minutes' distribution.

Melissa made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with updates discussed. Toni seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Motion by Janice Wilson to approve officers for 2026. Toni McDonald seconded the motion.

New Business:

Birthday gift for Father Binu's birthday in early April discussed. It was decided a new recliner is needed in the rectory and Sharon Voegli will use petty cash and shop for this item.

Review of the 2026 calendar with motion to approve, seconded by Janice Wilson.

Details included Polar Plunge update that raised over \$17K for team we supported (which included Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and "Bears" members).

November to March our meetings will be at 5 PM due to limited daylight hours for driving safety. The rest of the year our meetings will begin at 6 PM.

Rosie Calhoun to confirm these rummage sale dates are correct. April 27-29 are setup dates with the sale April 30-May 2. Melissa requested Rosie to help create guidelines to make transition for someone else to lead the rummage sale in the future as to give Rosie and Sharon some relief from always having to carry the brunt of this major event(s). Discussion of getting totes to store better items leftover from the rummage sale to keep for the next one. This was tabled until next month. We need to begin work on signage and advertising. Need to advertise in our sister churches' bulletins. Sharon has a list of people to contact. Was decided we should advertise in local paper. Sharon to follow-up and use petty cash funds to pay for ad. Melissa will reach out to WRBI radio station. Melissa requested we send her a list of places suggested to place advertising flyers. Melissa suggested a large corrugated sign to advertise a few weeks in advance out front of church that can be reused following years. Toni McDonald to check on pricing.

Four weeks prior should start announcements in church to start "closet clean out" for items to donate for rummage sale.

Melissa will reach out to Twice Blessed in Batesville for their purged items for our sale.

Toni brought up parishioner inquiry on how to become involved on funeral dinner committee. Sharon has a list of those currently on the call list. Rita made a motion to put a sign-up sheet in the back of church and make an announcement for anyone interested in helping to please sign name and phone number. Motion was seconded by Sharon Voegli.

Mary Ann Westmeier brought up fish fry for future as it is almost too late to do this Lenten season. Discussion of the ladies hosting an event like a Saint John feast day pitch in or potluck dinner of some sort in June. Need to check with Father for his availability June 13 or 14?

Toni McDonald requested support for the Gibault fundraiser by sponsoring a golf cart in the amount of \$100. Melissa made a motion to approve and Rosie seconded.

Closing:

Melissa Grable made a motion to adjourn meeting. Rosie Calhoun seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.