

**St. John Ladies Society Meeting**  
**11 November 2025**

**Present:**

Kelly King, Kris Taylor, Rosie Calhoun, Sharon Voegli, Melissa Grable, Toni McDonald, Jill Jansing

**Opening:**

The meeting was called to order and followed by our usual prayers. There were no birthdays for the ladies present, but Jill let us know that it was Lois' birthday last month (October).

**Old Business:**

The September minutes were accepted as submitted. Motion to approve was made by Kelly King and seconded by Kris Taylor. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Recent activity was reviewed including funeral donations for a total of \$17,109.94 between our checking, funeral fund and petty cash accounts.

Fall Rummage Sale (October) - Gross \$2,991, Expenses \$453 = \$2,538

Fall Bake Sale (September) - \$344.40

Access to our bank accounts was brought up. It is hard to get a balance because it comes from the accountant. It is also difficult to make gifts to Father Binu because he sees everything in the account. We were all in agreement that it would be helpful for us to open our own checking account to facilitate our work.

A motion was made by Jill Jansing and seconded by Kelly King to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved.

**New Business:**

*Ladies Christmas Party* is set for Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 12p-2p. A discussion was had regarding location. It was agreed that having it at a restaurant would work better than hosting at the church because everyone is so busy with Christmas activities. Several restaurants were considered with Ertel Winery being the top choice. Sharon will try to reserve space for us and put it in the bulletin. Toni will email the ladies with a requested RSVP date of December 1 and final count on December 7. It will include a gift exchange that is \$10 max value.

*There will be no December meeting.*

*The 2026 schedule* needs to be sent out. The secretary should prepare. A request was made to move our meeting times to 5p when the days are shorter because it is difficult for some to drive in the dark. We can move the meetings back to 6p in April when the days are longer.

Effective January, new officers are needed to fill some positions. A motion was made by Rosie Calhoun and seconded by Kelly King to tentatively elect the following members to govern the Ladies Society for 2026 contingent on their willingness to take the position:

President - Melissa Grable\*

Vice President - Mary Ann Westermeier\*

Treasurer - Sharon Voegli

Secretary - Rita Simon\*

Communications - Toni McDonald

(\*-new to the position)

Spring Rummage Sale - Rosie will check with St. Maurice to find out when they are scheduling their sale so that we can hold ours at the same time. We will tentatively calendar it

Polar Plunge is scheduled for February 14, 2026 at Versailles State Park. Toni asked if we can increase our donation to \$100 which includes the container, some filler items, and cash. Jill Jansing made a motion to approve the increased expenditure with a second by Sharon Voegli. Motion was approved. Sharon will get the money to Toni.

*Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule:*

January - No meeting

February - No meeting

March 3, 5p - Discuss bday gift for Father (April 2) Date for rummage sale.

April 7, 6p - Plan for spring rummage bake sales. Mother's Day treats for May 9/10?

May - No meeting. Rummage Sale date April 30/May 1/2. Bake Sale May 23/24.

June 2, 6p - Topic TBD. Father's Day treats for June 20/21?

July - Ladies Day Out TBD

August 4, 6p - Plan fall rummage and bake sales.

September 1, 6p - Plan for fall rummage and bake sales. Bake Sale Sept 5/6.

October 1-3 - Rummage Sale

November 3, 5p - Annual review, 2027 planning, elect officers.

December - Christmas Lunch TBD (possibly December 13)

Discussion was had about the ladies hosting some events during the upcoming year. Some ideas were kids events, family events, storytelling, feast day celebrations. More discussion can follow via email or at the next meeting regarding events and dates.

**Closing:**

Sharon Voegli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris Taylor seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 3, 2026 at 5p**