

Women's Group Meeting Notes from January 14, 2026

The meeting began with a prayer. The meeting was led by Caroline Speidel.

- Linda Jun announced that Emily Hollinger is now totally cancer-free. Thanks for all your prayers.
- Lisa Robert's brother-in-law, Andy, was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer.
- Mary Eckhouse reported that Cindy Jacobs has had 75% of her liver removed.
- Ric Jun passed out due to his tachycardia. He is not a candidate for open heart surgery but will have a procedure through the groin.
- Trudi Douglas reported that Glenn Pruitt, who worked at St. Anthony's, received a liver transplant.
- Pray for Mary Jo Zycan, who has been home with some medical issues.

Please keep these people in your prayers and say a prayer of thanksgiving for Emily's recovery.

Thanks to the three sisters, Margie Crull, Cindy McCormick, and Jan Bechtold, for the fruit and muffins they prepared for today's treats. **Carol Blankenship, Mary Kaiser, and Debbie Hoefert** volunteered to bring treats to the **February 11th** meeting next month.

The total costs for the kitchen were reported at \$16,702.66 with a cost recovery of \$2,500 for the sale of the old 12-burner range. The \$2,500 was donated towards the church steeple. The double oven is scheduled for delivery on Monday, January 19th.

Linda Jun and Debbie Ellebracht reported on upcoming trip and events:

- Coffee Concert at St. Louis Powell Symphony Hall on Friday, March 20th still has a few openings.
- Mystery Tour – May 5th cost \$130 Flyers will be available after this weekend.
Required item for the tour: driver's license, state ID, or passport
- Branson tour July 14th through 17th (Tuesday – Thursday).
- Pajama Party Dance will be held in June with Mark Ellebracht as the DJ. This will be an afternoon/early evening event.

Debbie Ellebracht is including us in her '75th Birthday Challenge' to do something new/different each month this year: try a new recipe, pray for special intentions, explore a new town, try a new restaurant, experience something new, count your blessings.

Linda Carrow reported that a person must be subscribed to the diocese email to receive Women's Group emails.

Caroline told a story about Bob and Patty as an introduction to today's topic on preparation for handling accounts when the person you count on for financial affairs becomes unavailable.

The **Red Cross Guide and Workbook for Will Planning and Charitable Giving** was condensed from the 51 pages onto a five-page spreadsheet titled **"Estate Related Documents"**. The emphasis for today's topic was to keep a list of accounts (name, address, phone, account number, owner, beneficiary, and notes) for all accounts. This is needed for the person who needs to "pick up the pieces" when you are no longer able. Don't plan to complete the entire document in one day – it may be too overwhelming and never accomplished. Enter information a little at a time - as a statement arrives or bill becomes due.

The associated files described above will be provided as attachments to the meeting notes. The Red Cross Guide is a .pdf file that can be downloaded and printed if you are more comfortable with a paper document (Use pencil to enable later updates to an address, phone number, etc.). The spreadsheet is an Excel file that can be downloaded and modified. You may need to set "Enable editing" after it is downloaded.

Cindy McCormick reported that the Zonta Club will have a trivia night at the Moose Lodge on February 28th.

Note: Help is needed for the April 22nd salad luncheon. Contact Vicki Lehman.

Our February 11th meeting topic will be "Getting Our Ducks in a Row – Part 2 (wills, trusts, powers of attorney, representative payee, etc.)". A local attorney, Sam Marmino, will be our guest speaker.

The meeting closed with a blessing: "May the Lord watch between thee and me while we are absent one from the other."