

Women of Joy Meeting
January 20, 2026

Present: 8 women

President Melanie Pederson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Devotions

Karen Sterzik gave devotions with the subject "It's later than you think." She read from a Lucy Swindoll book. The devotion was based on 1 Corinthians Chapter 1. Time is short but we have sufficient time for what God wants us to do.

Melanie thanked Dorothy Fager for providing refreshments.

The secretary's report from November was approved.

Treasurer Sue Fisher reported that the craft, bake and lefse sale proceeds were \$1,084.00.

We reviewed the programs and meetings for the remainder of the 2025-26 year. February's program will be "In God We Trust" by speaker Carl Flowers. The March tour of the Culinary Institute may change to the new National Park Culinary Institute in Benton. Melanie will work with Jan Folstad to finalize plans. A tour of the barns of Oaklawn was suggested for April's meeting. Barbara Mitchell will arrange that tour. The final meeting will be a hat and fashion show by All Under One Roof. New officers will also be installed and we will sign up for programs for the 2026-27 year. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, including men and Melanie encouraged us to bring a friend to any of the programs.

We will need a new president, vice president and secretary for next year. Sue Fisher is willing to continue being the treasurer. Melanie asked that we pray about serving as a WOJ leader.

There was no old business.

New Business

Char Maeda made a motion, via email, to donate the craft, bake and lefse sale proceeds to the Community Resource Center in Hot Springs. The monetary needs for Love Lunches were also discussed. Lynda Grasse made a motion to give \$300.00 to Love Lunches and \$784.00 to the Community Resource Center. Sue Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sue reminded us that there will be money at the end of the year which can be donated.

Lynda Grasse will provide refreshments for the February meeting and Dianne Degner will give the devotions.

The drawing for the door prize of \$50.00 was won by Dorothy Fager.

Melanie turned the meeting over to Karen Sterzik for a quick service project. Thirty bags were filled with chocolates, cocoa mix and a Valentine for the residents of Greenwood Manor at Lake Forest. Karen and Barbara Mitchel will deliver the bags to Greenwood Manor. The meeting concluded following the completion of the project.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Degner, Acting Secretary