

Oriental Woman's Club

General Meeting – March 5, 2024

Officers in attendance: Ellen Blackmon, President, Liz Tooley, Treasurer, Marguerite Garrett, Co-Secretary

1:30 PM – Ellen Blackmon called the meeting to order.

Ellen Blackmon read the Club Vision to remind us of our mission to make a difference in our community.

Sarah Dougherty led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Inspirational Reading: Marguerite Garrett spoke on gratitude and kindness and reminded people to please fill the two trees with leaves of gratitude and kindness.

Speaker: Captain Jim Holley: With an extensive and impressive background in the Navy and then emergency services, Capt. Holley gave many safety tips on dealing with emergencies on the water. He brought us up to date on the new CPR procedures and gave us a live demo on how to use an AED. He also gave a very clear explanation on the differences between atrial fibrillation and a heart attack and assured us we couldn't do damage to anyone if we followed the instructions from the machine! Ellen asked the cost as OWC was thinking of getting one and he recommended getting a refurbished AED on e-bay for around \$400, with a warranty.

General Meeting:

Carol Herman installed Liz Tooley as Treasurer.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting have been read, approved, accepted for file and posted. Betsy Hughes, Sarah Dougherty and Jennifer Walsh agreed to read and correct the March minutes.

The Treasurer's Report for the previous month has been accepted for file and posted.

A request was made to please use the microphone at the podium when sharing information.

Membership Report: Sharon Morgan reported 24 attending, no visitors/new members, but, 7 March birthdays to celebrate with the traditional singing of HB.

New Business:

Jody Riddle made a motion to change the wording in the Standing Rules regarding the Duty of the Education Program Chair #8 to: "Organizes the December luncheon in coordination with the December Hostess Manager." The motion was seconded by Carol Young and passed unanimously by the members.

Chowder Cook-off: Julie Wiegand reported there are currently 10 entrants, including 2 from the schools. The event runs from 11-1 and the judging is people's choice. Julie requested cookies, brownies, etc, be packaged in bags that would sell for \$1.00. There weren't very many names signed up so request made again to provide baked goods. Also, it was put out that if any husbands were available March 16TH to help with the set up of chairs and tables (9 a.m.), it would be appreciated.

Hostesses are still needed for some general meetings. Sign up sheets on tables in back

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Program Reports:

Arts & Education: continue to collect clothing for the school nurse.

Garden Program: Highway clean-up Wednesday, April 3rd. All club members encouraged to participate as this is a club activity organized by the Garden Group. A new chair is still needed for the next 3 months or the remainder of the year.

Garden Program's annual plant SALE (not sale & exchange) will be Saturday morning, May 4th on Hodges St. Members are encouraged to begin seedlings or plant divisions from their gardens soon so that well established healthy plants can be offered at the sale.

Community Life: Gay organizing the April 5th American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive and is set for that one. Gay will need sign ups to help with June drive.

Ladies of the Neuse: Marguerite brought material to be cut for croaker hats directly after this meeting.

Building Maintenance:

Fundraising:

Thank you to today's hostesses Carol McAdoo, Gay Webster and Marilyn Hollingsworth.

Next EC Meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at **10** a.m.

April meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. Social time starts @ 1 p.m.

Speaker for that meeting will be Andrea Bruce, Photojournalist.

2:50 meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Marguerite Garrett