

Oriental Woman's Club

General Meeting

November 7, 2023

At 1:00pm Co-president Ellen Blackmon called the meeting to order. She reminded all to silence cell phones and that socializing can continue after the meeting. Please refrain from individual conversation at your table as it can be distracting and makes hearing difficult for others.

Ellen thanked the hostesses for the festive decorations and delicious treats for today's meeting. Today's hostesses are Sally Farrell, Marilyn Hollingsworth, and Donna Crothers.

Joanie Aubele led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.

Jean Chastange offered some great words of encouragement regarding the Important things in Life.

Our Guest Speaker was Alex Adams of Lighthouse Shoal Oyster Company. Mr. Adams shared that oyster farming is the greenest type of farming as the oysters actually clean the waters. Those interested in purchasing oysters should call 3-4-days ahead.

General Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting have been read by three members, approved, and accepted for file. They are posted in the back of the room. The three volunteers to proofread today's minutes are: Sharon Morgan, Carol Young, and Liz Tooley.

Treasurer's Report for the previous month was submitted and accepted at the last Executive Committee meeting and is posted on the bulletin board. **This position is open for 2024.**

Please approach the podium to use the microphone

Announcements:

Ms. Irma Fay Bond asked that the group know how appreciative the Bond family is for the OWC providing the cakes served on her mother's 100th birthday. She was so pleased with the turn out and response.

Our baked goods sale at the Ol' Front Porch Festival netted \$640.00.

Program Reports:

Membership: Ann Stackhouse reported that we had a record attendance this month with three visitors. **This position is open for 2024.**

Arts: Maryellen Bickel and Carol Young shared that December 5th at 11:30 we will hold our potluck Christmas Luncheon. Donations will be accepted. Please sign up in the back for what covered dish you plan to bring.

Garden Club: Joyce DePasquale announced that the Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 13th. Once again, the Chelsea has asked that we pay by check or cash. The meal cost is \$25.00. Each who wish to participate in a “Dirty Santa” gift exchange should bring a gift valued around \$20. Volunteers are needed to decorate the Christmas trees located in the PO and Town Hall on November 30th at 10:30. Volunteers are also needed on Nov 29th at 10:00. The regular Garden Club meeting has been moved to November 28th at 1:00 due to Thanksgiving.

Ladies of the Neuse: Marguerite Garrett is asking for volunteers to begin making Croaker Hats and Trophies in January.

Home Life: Gay Webster shared that Heart Works has 39 families this year. She is accepting donations.

Old Business:

Dessert of the Month Club: Sharon Morgan announced that the drawing will be held on December 5th. Tickets are still available for purchase. So far approximately \$1600.00 has been raised.

Fine Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on November 11 from 9 – 1:00. Early drop off for Cookies by the Pound is on Friday from 1 – 2.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: 2024 Proposed Slate of Officers

President – Ellen Blackmon

Vice-president – Olga Herman

Secretary for the EC – Jody Riddle

Secretary for the GM – Elizabeth Buckman

Treasurer – TBA

Red Cross Blood drive will be hosted by the OWC beginning in February 2024.

Anyone interested in participating in the Village-wide Yard Sale on May 4th is welcome to use the clubhouse and drive. Bring your stuff and donate the proceeds to the OWC.

Next EC meeting is November 28th at 10:30.

December’s General Meeting – Installation of Officers and our Holiday Potluck Luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Sharon Morgan and Jody Riddle