

## **Oriental Woman's Club (OWC) Executive Meeting Minutes January 31, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Wiegand at 10:30 a.m. Officers present were President, Julie Wiegand; Vice President, Olga Herman; Secretaries, Sharon Morgan and Jody Riddle; and Treasurers, Jean Chastang and Deborah Powers. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the last Executive (EC) Meeting have been read, approved, and accepted for file. Volunteers to read this meeting's minutes are: Gay Webster, Sally Farrell, and Ann Stackhouse.

President Julie Wiegand asked each present to introduce themselves and their role(s) within the OWC.

**Correspondence:** None reported.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deborah Powers reviewed the last entries for 2022 before submitting the report to be accepted for file. One further note, bonds or CD are being researched for the Cemetery funds to grow higher interest amounts.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Caterer** – a check for \$210.00 was provided to cover the increase in food costs beyond the initial agreement cost invoice.

**Fire extinguishers** – all three have been professionally serviced and are up-to-date.

**Microphone update** – new mic is working well.

**Speakers** - A few spots are still open later in the year for speakers. This will be brought up at the February General Meeting. A few suggested speakers/topics include new therapeutic equestrian resource for older adults/children, Prime Time, and Jamie Gibbs (VP for Student Services at PCC). As he was a former grant recipient.

### **Program Reports:**

**Education** - Elsie Roane noted that the scholarship process is underway with the committee updating the eligibility and the application for this year's grants. The luncheon is planned for June.

**Arts** - Elsie also stated that the Art show was a success with approximately 100 in attendance.

**Building Maintenance** - Sally Farrell shared that the hood vent now works as designed from the wall switch. The trash can was replaced by the Town. The annual cleaning needs to be scheduled (wood work, windows, etc.). The

inventory does not need to be completed this year. A discussion brought forth the suggestion that the *Facility Notebook* would be a great place to note when the air filters and batteries in the smoke detectors are replaced, as well as the fire extinguishers are serviced, or any other regular/routine maintenance occurs.

Home Life - Gay Webster stated that the Easter Bags are an April project.

Cemetery - Linda Caroon reported that all is well.

LON - Marguerite Garrett sent a report in her absence. The group will be working on the trophies for this year's Croaker Festival and Chowder Cook-off. April 1 is the date for the luminaries with advertising already underway.

Garden Club - Joyce DiPasquale informed the committee that dates are set for the Spring and Fall exterior club house clean up. Yard of the Month sign up will be announced at the General meeting for volunteers. A trip to Sylvan Heights Bird Park is planned, as well as Wine & Design class. In May the group plans to travel to Swansboro for a nursery trip.

Membership - Ann Stackhouse shared that the club currently has 38 paid members for 2023 to date. She expects that many will pay their dues at the February meeting. Dues are \$60.00 this year.

Property Management - Sharon Morgan noted that the CycleNC group will be in town the last weekend in April. The club house has again been rented from Thursday afternoon through Sunday mid-day.

### **New Business:**

Audit Committee - Sharon Morgan volunteered.

Chowder Cook-off - To date, 9 chefs have confirmed their participation (Barcos, Gary's DownEast Seafood, Chubby's, Lighthouse Shoals, just to name a few).

Dessert of the Month - need a chair.

Meeting Date Changes - The December EC meeting falls on the 26<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will move to December 19<sup>th</sup>. The January 2024 General meeting falls on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will move to January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Review of the "Purple Flyer" - the group reviewed and changed the flyer to better reflect who we are now.

### **Announcements:**

Need chairs for publicity, fund raising, and the scrap book.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Morgan and Jody Riddle