

Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023

Officers in attendance: Ellen Blackmon, Co-President, Julie Wiegand, Co-President, Olga Herman, Vice President, Jody Riddle, Co-Secretary, Sharon Morgan, Co-Secretary, Deborah Powers, Treasurer.

1:30 PM – Ellen Blackmon called the meeting to order. Ellen reminded all present to turn off cell phones and that everyone should refrain from individual conversation at each table during the meeting.

Julie welcomed everyone and offered a quote to summarize our recent weather, "In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours." The membership was asked to guess who made that statement: the correct answer was Mark Twain.

Today's hostesses were thanked for their service to the club today: Gay Webster, Elsie Roane and Lou Ann Roberts.

Jean Chastang led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Elsie Roane offered words of encouragement from "In case nobody told you."

Agenda slightly out of order to accommodate two speakers:

Betsy Hughes had a couple of announcements and was added here in the program to allow her to leave for another meeting. First, On April 22 Girls on the Run will have their annual 5K run. Please support them by attending the event. Second: The Garden Club will host the annual Plant Sale and Exchange on May 6, 2023. The location will be on Hodges St. near the Farmer's Market location. Please bring your donations of small plant cuttings in pots and labeled using craft sticks or plastic forks. Remember the plants will be sold for \$1 and should be small to reflect that value.

Program:

Our speaker was Bob Fuller from "Friends of the Library." Mr. Fuller summarized the current situation for fundraising/organizing for the new Public Library. He told us that about 3/4ths of what is needed for the new library to be built has been raised. He said the uses for the Library include: an Internet Café, 30 VR headsets, be used as a Civic Center, and be used to store and prepare for needs following future Hurricanes that damage the area. Plans are to break ground in the Fall and expect the building to function for about 100 years.

Back to original agenda:

Minutes of the previous General 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 Gilbert, Jean Chastang and Carol Young.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted at the last EC meeting and is posted on the bulletin board.

Liz Tooley stepped in for Ann Stackhouse to give the membership report, dues, visitors and birthdays for April.

Fundraising: Sharon Morgan gave a short description of how our "Dessert of the Month" Fundraiser will work this year. Every member is asked to take five (5) raffle tickets and either sell or purchase them. Ticket stubs and money for them should be turned into Sharon as you complete selling your five. Any members who would like to have additional tickets to sell may have them by contacting Sharon by phone or email. The drawing for the winner of the 2024 Dessert of the Month will be drawn at our Holiday Luncheon on December 5, 2023.

Program Reports:

Arts and Education: Elsie announced that the next meeting of Arts/Education Committee would be held on April 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Elsie asked that members bring school supplies in August for donation to Pamlico County Schools. There will be more information about this since we will not have an August meeting.

Garden Club: Joyce reviewed the activities coming up: April 5, Road Clean-up beginning at 10:00AM, April 6, Wine and Design at OWC, April 18, OWC yard clean-up, Yard of the Month will be selected for April. On May 2 General Meeting, the Garden Club has invited Carissa of "From the Heart Florist" to give a display about making floral arrangements.

LON: Marguerite Garrett reported that the Luminaries Launch collected \$1,235. It has been decided that the event will be moved to June in hopes of having warmer weather and calmer water.

Home Life: Gay explained that this year OWC will be making Easter Bags (instead of baskets). The bags will be filled at the end of today's meeting

Marilyn Hollingsworth wanted to thank those who sent cards and thoughts to her in memory of her mother's death.

Old Business:

Julie stated that the club is still in need of a Fundraising Chair, a Publicity Chair and someone to organize the Scrapbook. She also reminded all members to bring non-perishable food to the meetings for PCFLO.

New Business:

Ellen announced that we are still in need of a Chair for the Ways and Means Committee (Fundraising), Publicity Chair, and a Scrapbook Chair. Please contact Ellen or Julie if you are interested in any of those activities. Hostesses for the May Meeting are Jennifer Walsh, Ann Stackhouse, and Olga Herman. All members (except current officers) are expected to take a turn at being a hostess for a general meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting when you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find another member to swap with or take your place.

Ellen asked that we have a moment of silence in memory of Terrell Scott who was a recent OWC member as she passed away recently.

Announcements:

Rotary will have a springtime Boat Show, April 14-16, 2023. They have requested that OWC members once again man the admission gates in shifts over the two-day period. There is a sign-up sheet for that activity.

The OWC Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Minnesott Golf and Country Club. There was a sign-up sheet in the back of the room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Sharon Morgan (GM) and Jody Riddle (EC)