

Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023

Officers in attendance: Ellen Blackmon, Co-President, Julie Wiegand, Co-President, Olga , 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 that socializing could continue after the meeting is adjourned and that everyone should refrain from individual conversation at each table. Such conversation is distracting and makes it difficult for some to hear the speakers.

Ellen welcomed everyone and explained our theme today “Be Kind to Your Heart.”

Miss Fay Bond led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag.

Elsie Roane offered words of encouragement from “In case nobody told you”

Minutes of the previous General Meeting have been read, approved and accepted for file. They are posted in the back of the room. Three volunteers are needed to review the minutes for today's meeting, they will be: Elizabeth Tooley, Carol Young and Lou Ann Roberts.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's reports are submitted during the monthly EC meetings and generally fall about one month behind meetings times due to receiving the bank statements after our meetings have taken place. The treasurer's reports are posted on the OWC web-site.

Program:

Mr. Louis Giambertone, Community Paramedic from Carolina East was scheduled to be our speaker. Although we did not hear from Mr. Giambertone, we believe an unexpected event kept him from attending our meeting.

Program Reports:

Arts and Education: Elsie thanked all the members who participated during our Arts display, judging and reception. The next Arts & Education committee meeting will be held at 1:00 on February 16th and will take place at OWC. Elsie also explained how our scholarships are awarded. Addrean Hahn is the leader of the small committee that interviews and selects the students who receive the scholarships.

Garden Club: Joyce announced that there would be two speakers at the next Garden Club meeting: Lynn Hines and Evie Henderson will be speaking about nurturing butterflies in this area.

LON: Marguerite Garrett explained the nature of LON's activities. Marguerite also invited members to participate in the completion of Croaker hats and for Croaker Parade trophies during the normal meeting time or during afternoon workshops that take place at Marguerite's workshop. She also announced that the Floating Luminaries will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Lou Mac Park.

Home Life: Gay explained that this year OWC will be making Easter Bags (instead of baskets). Gay also asked for additional OWC members to sign up for Hostess duties for general meetings.

Old Business:

Ellen described the Dessert of the Month Fundraiser and asked for a volunteer to chair the effort. Although it took place after the meeting was adjourned, Sharon Morgan agreed to be chair of that fundraiser. Each member will receive a packet of ten (10) tickets to buy or sell for the benefit of our general fund. Tickets will be available to sell at our Chowder Cook off fundraiser as well. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Holiday luncheon.

Ellen asked that we continue to bring non-perishable food to each meeting for PCFLO to hand out as needed as our local food bank.

New Business:

Ellen requested that two members volunteer to join Sharon Morgan, chairman and Betsy Hughes to form the Audit Committee for 2022. Meredith Bailey and Elizabeth Buckman volunteered to be part of Audit Committee. Sharon Morgan will notify members of the meeting time for the audit process to take place.

The 12th annual OWC Chowder Cook-off will take place on March 18. Julie Wiegand is chairing the event this year. There will be a meeting of volunteers immediately following today's meeting.

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 interest in any of those activities.

The March General Meeting program will be a basic Financial Check-up. Representatives from the State Employees Credit Union will explain why one needs a power of attorney or a trust. Other topics concerning our personal finances will also be discussed.

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.

Liz Tooley announced that there are certified tax preparers available to help with preparation of personal taxes. This is a service meant for lower income tax payers. The service is offered at the Pamlico County Senior Center.

Ann Stackhouse announce that PrimeTime will be hosting a Friendship Tea on Thursday, Feb. 9th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Sharon Morgan