

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018**

OPENING REMARKS

The General Meeting was called to order at 1:21 pm by President Elizabeth MacDonald at the clubhouse. All officers were present. Fifteen minutes were spent on getting to know individual members at each table.

Lynn Rousseau gave an inspirational reading entitled "Don't Stagnate" that encourages individuals to challenge themselves by swimming upstream rather than idly floating downstream.

Cindy Porter introduced two guests and one new member.

President MacDonald reminded everyone that she and Vice President Marlene Miller make up the "complaint department."

A sign up sheet for monthly hostesses was circulated.

PROGRAM

Vice President Marlene Miller gave a lively and informative history of the club (that began in 1914 with eight members) with emphasis on the current building. The foundation of the clubhouse was poured in 1980 on land donated by The Dolphin Company. At the time of its dedication in 1987, it was debt free as a result of numerous fundraising activities. Rental/Building Maintenance Manager, Sharon Morgan, shared information regarding how the building is supported, and is seeking feedback on how to increase usage of the building. The clubhouse is the only building in the local area that offers a beer and wine license, tables, chairs, and kitchen facilities for a reasonable fee (currently \$195) that can accommodate 120 seated or 180 people standing. She provided members copies of the rental agreement. President MacDonald displayed a poster showing revenue rentals make up 51% (\$5,937) of the income required to pay for insurance, maintenance, utilities, and professional fees (\$11,572). The rest of the monies come from fundraising activities.

ACTIVITIES

Linda Parker reviewed the history of the Chowder Cook-Off. This year offers some new and exciting changes: any business or individual may participate; any kind of chowder is permitted; there will not be a monetary award; the people's choice will be for the overall winner; and, every chef will be recognized. The 10th Annual Chowder Cook-off will be March 17 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Oriental Marina courtyard. Harbor Sounds will provide the entertainment. Coordinators for this event are Sally Belangia with assistance from new member Deb Powers. Others participating include those with experience with newer members volunteering to help:

- Activities: Linda Parker, assisted by Gwen Rhodes
- Bake Sale: Colleen Barton, assisted by Lynne Kaplan
- Supplies: Gay Webster, assisted by Michele Musella
- Workers: Lee Duer, assisted by Carol Glorioso
- Ballet Printing: Jean Chastang, assisted by Valerie Calcavecchia, Barbara Mitchelson, Gail Radosevich and Cindy Porter

Favorable comments regarding today's meeting were expressed by various members (informative, fun, enthusiasm, causal, great meeting experiences, and interesting program.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next general meeting will be March 6. The program will be on women who have made a difference in history. Please bring an Easter basket and supplies (grass, small toys, candy, etc) as we will be putting them together at the meeting. Cash donations for purchase of items will be accepted by Carol Herman.
- 50-50 drawing (\$14.50) was won by Elaine Wolfinger who in turn donated it to the cemetery fund.
- Kathy Kolan has placed a box in the clubhouse for collection of school supplies throughout the year. She has more information explaining the surrogate parenting of special education students for all those interested. The next education committee meeting will be Feb 19 at 10 am in the clubhouse.
- The Pamlico Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) fundraising yard sale will be February 10 from 9am-2pm at the clubhouse.
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church is having its Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 13, with a 5:30 and 6:30 seating.
- Member Michele Musella is teaching a roadmap to wellness class at the Pamlico Community College.
- The winning pieces of the student Arts Festival are being displayed at the Village Gallery.

There being no further announcements , the meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Read and approved by Anne Parker, Lee Duer, and Linda Parker.

Submitted by Ann Stackhouse, Secretary