

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Gwen Rhodes at 1:30pm at the clubhouse. Lynne Rousseau read an inspirational piece and Fay Bond lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership Co-chair Ann Stackhouse introduced guests and new members.

Old Business

The treasurers report is accepted for file and on the bulletin board at the back of the clubhouse.

New Business

Gwen found a number of Lost & Found items which were placed on the small table next to the door....hopefully they find a new home.

Our vision for the OWC is Women Together Making a Difference. The focus this year is Education. The OWC has committed to supporting financially the education, enrichment, development and well-being of the youth and teachers of Pamlico County, by providing for a variety of their educational needs. To that end we are in continual conversation with the schools in Pamlico County.

Last year we had a total of 13 women join the OWC. Last year the New Members Tea was introduced and well received and will continue again throughout this year. The next tea will be on tomorrow January 8th at 3pm at Gwen's house. The hope for this year is for continued growth. Gwen reminded that the Club Roster is sent electronically to all members and for those without computer internet it will be mailed.

Reminder that dues are now due, but in addition to paying dues is only part of the commitment. The other portion of the commitment is participation. With that Gwen asked that committee chairs give a brief presentation of their programs. After these presentations members were given an opportunity to join the programs that interests them.

Elaine Wolfinger was recognized as our Sunshine Lady who has been sending out upbeat and positive notes to those members who are in hospital or at home convalescing.

Reminder that our EC meetings are open to all who would like to come and see the inner workings of the club. This year these meetings are going to be at 3pm on the Monday following our General Meeting. These meetings will be held at the club.

Yoga has started again at OWC, Monday, Wednesday at 8:30, led by Lee Duer.

Announcements

Marlene Miller is home from the hospital. She will be limiting her involvement with OWC, participating as she is able. Rosalyn will taking her place as Program chair of the Arts Committee.

Renee Franklin our new Secretary was recently diagnosed with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. She has asked to be relieved of her duties as Secretary to the Club as she focuses her energies on her health. She wanted to let everyone know how much she has enjoyed getting to know all the members. She also wanted to remind everyone to get their yearly physicals and take care of themselves.

Gwen will be looking for a new Secretary for the Club for the rest of the year.

Jean Chastang wanted to let everyone know that Nancy Huff passed away New Year's Day. She was a long time club member who moved away in 2012. There will be a service for her on Saturday, January 11th at 11:00 at Trinity Church in New Bern.

Gay Webster wanted to let everyone know that Ann Savage fell in December and broke her arm. She recently had surgery on her arm.

Gwen thanked the hostesses, Lee Duer, Joan Ulvog and Nancy McGruther.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18.

Submitted by Gail Radosevich (temporary Secretary)