

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017**

The General Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by past president Carol McAdoo (substituting for Debbie Montgomery) at the clubhouse. Other officers present: Co-secretary Anne Parker

Chaplain Lynne Rousseau gave the devotion and Public Issues Chair, Cindy Porter, led the pledge to the flags.

Past president McAdoo welcomed members and reminded everyone that the OWC Arts Festival will be held January 13-15. She recognized the festival chairs, Suzanne Jantzen and Carol McAdoo (Clubwomen Cooordinators), Rosalyn Kutchins and Karen Van Gamper (Student Coordinators), and Jean Chastang, (Artfest).

The GFWC-NC District 8 Arts Festival will be held February 4th in Selma, NC.

There is no general meeting in February. OWC will host an orientation meeting on Tuesday February 7th from 1:30-3:00. Old, new and prospective members are welcome to attend. Carol McAdoo will send invitations to prospective members and she invites members to add names to this list.

The treasurer's report is posted on the bulletin board and accepted for file. The approved minutes of the December General Meeting will be posted at the next General Meeting in March.

Program: The January Program is "Getting to Know You, OWC." As the 2017 Community Service Chairmen, Division Chairmen, and Committee Chairmen were introduced they gave a brief summary of what to expect in 2017.

Division Reports:

ARTS: Karen Van Gamper. A fused glass workshop will be held on January 26 and February 6th. Contact Dottie Miller to sign up. Several other trips and activities are being discussed and suggestions are welcome.

CONSERVATION: Fay Bond. Fay gave an historical overview of what conservation has meant to the OWC from its beginnings. She will continue to focus on energy awareness, resource conservation and waste management.

EDUCATION: Sharon Breitling. Sharon summarized the various scholarships supported by the Club and noted that about \$3,500 will need to be raised to fill the scholarship coffers through the Christmas luncheon, Italian dinner, and donations from members. The scholarship selection committee, led by Suzanne Gwaltney is looking for more members to be involved.

GARDEN CLUB: Betsy Hughes. The Garden Club will have its planning meeting on January to decide on specific activities, but will definitely include a May plant sale, Christmas ornament decoration in November, and a Christmas luncheon in December. Field trips and programs, open to the public as well and members, will round out the year.

HOME LIFE: (Elizabeth Buckman and Carol Herman). No report.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Carol McAdoo. Carol's plans to organize activities to support Operation Smile's medical mission and the Samaritan's Purse shoebox project.

LON: Marguerite Garrett and Kathryn Reardon. No report.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Cindy Porter. Cindy will sponsor the OWC meeting in November. She gave some statistics on Pamlico County's population, and is thinking about issues of interest to a retirement age community, including the topic of elder abuse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Festival: The OWC Arts Festival Open House will be on Sunday January 15.

Audit: Cindy Porter will serve as audit chair. The audit will be conducted after 2016 books are closed.

Bridge: Elaine Wolfinger. Bridge is held in the clubhouse on Monday at 1. All are welcome.

Building: Carol McAdoo, Melissa Lavalee. The committee needs one more member. If interested, contact Debbie Montgomery

Bylaws, Parliamentarian: Suzanne Jantzen.

Cemetery: Fay Bond. Fay noted the need for donations, given current interest rates. The cemetery is located on Silverbrook Road.

Chaplain: Lynne Rousseau.

ESO: Carol McAdoo. If interested, see Carol re participation.

Hostess: Cindy Porter and Sally Farrell. Cindy and Sally will develop a hostess schedule beginning with members' expressed preferences and availability.

House Maintenance: Carol McAdoo. Also known as the Monday Girl program, a volunteer is needed each month to check the clubhouse each Monday, purchase supplies, and report any problems with the facility.

House Rental: Sharon Morgan / Tidewater Real Estate. Sharon is retiring from the rental division, but Tidewater will continue to handle clubhouse rentals.

Membership: Gay Webster and Deborah Powers. Gay spoke about attracting new members and assigning mentors to help new members be more comfortable.

Newsletter: Jean Chastang. Jean reminded members that she needs content!

Photographer: Jean Chastang is taking pictures today.

Program/ Federation Day: If anyone is interested in working on this program, please contact Carol McAdoo.

Reports: Suzanne Jantzen. Reports are complete for 2016.

Sunshine: Elaine Wolfinger. Please call Elaine with any news about health and welfare of our members.

Telephone: Debbie Montgomery. Four members do not have email and Debbie makes sure they are informed of events.

Ways and Means: Committee. White Elephant sale ahead of the March 7th General Meeting. Chowder Cook-off March 11, OWC golf tournament tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Website: Anne Parker

Yearbook: Suzanne Jantzen

Hostesses: Past president McAdoo thanked the meeting hostesses: Cindy Porter, Chair, Gay Webster, and Eleanor Taylor.

There being no further business the Collect was recited and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Following the meeting the 50/50 was won by Cindy Porter.

Submitted by Anne Parker, Secretary

Read and approved by Gay Webster, Jean Chastang, and Rosalyn Kutchins.