

Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 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. Such conversation is distracting and makes it difficult for some to hear the speakers.

Julie welcomed everyone and explained our theme today “Financial Check-up.”

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 by three members, approved and accepted for file. They are posted in the back of the room.

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

Program:

Our speakers were Lori Silverthorn and Ashton Stevenson from State Employees Credit Union. They gave a fact-filled review of options for looking after our financial well-being.

Program Reports:

Arts and Education: Elsie stated that the next meeting of Arts/Education Committee would be held on March 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM which is a change of time from regular meetings.

Garden Club: Joyce reviewed the activities coming up: March 23rd visit to Sylvan Bird Sanctuary, April 6, Wine and Design at OWC, April 5, road clean-up, April 18, OWC yard clean-up, Yard of the Month will be selected for April.

LON: Marguerite Garrett reminded the group 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). The bags will be filled at the April general meeting.

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 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 are interested in any of those activities.

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 meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Sharon Morgan (GM) and Jody Riddle (EC)