

Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022

The meeting was opened by President Deborah Powers at 1:30pm. Fay Bond led the Pledge of Allegiance and Terrell Scott gave the Inspirational Reading. Minutes of the previous General Meeting had been read and approved. Elsie Roane, Linda Parker and Gay Webster volunteered to read and approve the minutes of this meeting. The Treasurer's Report for the previous month has been accepted for file and posted. Ann Stackhouse shared the names of the members who have birthdays in March. Gay and Olga were present and were recipients of Happy Birthday sang by the club.

Deborah introduced Debbie Favinger from the Craven Literacy Council which also serves Pamlico County. Debbie shared that there are tutors available and are seeking adult students. They meet in the Craven Pamlico Regional Library at the high school. Debbie then introduced April King, the Executive Director of Craven Literacy Council. April shared that the non-profit not only helps with reading and math, High School Equivalency preparation, English Language Learners (ELL), US Citizenship Test preparation, navigating technology, and confidence building.

Julie Wiegand introduced Denise Meng, the membership chair of the all -volunteer Neuse Neighbors Network. She explained the services that Neuse Neighbors can provide to members so they can age in place.

Arts and Education:

The Cathers and Hargrove scholarships that OWC provides to Pamlico County High School seniors have been increased to \$3,000.00 each starting August 2022.

Home Life:

Gay Webster has talked to Karen Prince at HeartWorks and they are asking for 120 Easter baskets.

Garden Club:

Priscilla Seals gave an update on the Airlie Garden trip scheduled for March 15th. They will leave at 8:15 with many members carpooling. Highway clean-up is March 23rd and clubhouse yard clean-up is scheduled for March 29th. Betsy Hughes explained how the Plant Sale works which is scheduled for May 7th on Hodges Street. Start propagating plants to donate or share and make sure they are labeled.

Ladies of the Neuse:

Ellen asked Marguerite Garrett to come up and share the new fundraiser, “Shining a Light to a Future” Luminary Launch scheduled for Saturday April 2, 2022 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Rain date Sunday April 3, 2022.

New Business

Still need volunteers for the Chowder Cook-off on the 19th. Please see sign-up sheets at the back of the room. Need 50/50 ticket sellers as well as clean-up crew. Chowder Cook-off committee will have a brief meeting after the General meeting.

Carol McAdoo asked for more cookie bakers for the Chowder Cook-off.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Submitted by

Ellen Blackmon, Co-Secretary