

**Oriental Woman's Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2023**

1:30 PM – Julie Wiegand called the meeting to order. She reminded all present to turn off cell phones and that everyone should refrain from individual conversation at each table during the meeting.

Julie welcomed everyone and offered a few fun facts for May.

Today's hostesses were thanked for their service to the club today: Olga Herman, Gay Webster, & Ann Stackhouse.

Miss Fay Bond led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag. Julie congratulated Miss Fay and her daughter Irma on their success at the Senior Olympics.

Elsie Roane offered words of encouragement with a reflection about gardening.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting have been read by three members, corrected, approved and accepted for file. They are posted in the back of the room. The three volunteers to proofread today's minutes are: Lou Ann Roberts, Carol Young and Jody Riddle.

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

Today's Program:

Carissa Sanders, owner of From the Heart Florist was our speaker. Carissa shared tips for cleaning floral containers. She created a beautiful arrangement while she filled us with useful information about how to revive hydrangeas, make tulips stand up, adding peonies to arrangements, use of wax flowers, keeping an arrangement looking fresh longer by not having it sit close to a bowl of fruit in the kitchen, and last that lilies have a shorter life span than other flowers. Her arrangement turned out to be lovely.

Membership:

Ann Stackhouse gave the membership report.

Program Reports:

Arts and Education: Elsie reminded all that our June meeting would be a pot luck and there was a sign-up sheet in the rear of the room. Elsie also asked that members bring school supplies to June meeting for donation to Pamlico County Schools. There will be more information about this since we will not have an August meeting.

Garden Club: Betsy Hughes gave us a reminder that the Garden Club would hold their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 AM to noon. Joyce provided details about the Garden Club annual Nursery outing to Swansboro on May 9.

LON: Marguerite Garrett advised that the LON will meet next in Marguerite's craft room. There is a need for sewers for making Croaker hats for the Croaker Festival.

Home Life: Gay reported that the Easter Treats were a success.

**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:**

The June meeting will be our time to recognize our Scholarship winners and their parents. This is a delightful meeting and we should all attend if possible.

**Announcements:**

The OWC Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Minnesott Golf and County Club. There was a sign-up sheet in the back of the room.

Julie asked if there was interest in holding a Bath Bomb making class or a how to play Mejung class – there were sign-up sheets to show interest.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Sharon Morgan (GM) and Jody Riddle (EC)