

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Suzanne Jantzen at 1:30pm at the clubhouse. Other officers present: Co-secretary Anne Parker.

Chaplin Lynne Rousseau gave the devotion and Cindy Porter led the group in pledges to the US and NC flags.

Suzanne welcomed the group in Debbie Montgomery's absence and announced that she'll also chair the November EC meeting. Suzanne reminded members that the December 5th meeting is our holiday luncheon. We will be installing our 2018 officers. Members are invited to include friends from the community for the celebration, which includes music and refreshments. It is being catered by Mary Ellen Hamm. Tickets are \$15 from Sharon Breitling or First Citizens, but will not be available at the door.

The program, sponsored by Public Issues. Chair Cindy Porter introduced Constance Gerald, from Adult Services Center and Violet Ollison, Director of the Pamlico County Department of Senior Services. The two speakers addressed Services available for elders in the county and the programs in place to handle elder abuse.

Unfinished business

Suzanne reviewed the new program areas: Arts, Education, Home Life, Garden Club, and Ladies of the Neuse. There will be no additional dues for Garden Club. Beginning in January, members will be asked to join one or more groups, and each group will appoint a member to serve on the Executive Committee (EC).

The budget for 2018 is an interim budget and will be revised as the new organization is finalized.

The annual audit was completed for the 2016 year. Colleen Barton, Gay Webster, and Cindy Porter (chair) conducted the audit.

The nominating committee, led by Roz Kutchins, presented the slate of officers for 2018: Theda Butkus for Treasurer, Ann Stackhouse for Secretary, Marlene Miller for Vice President, and Elizabeth MacDonald for President.

The election of officers was unanimous.

Community Service Program and Committee Reports

Arts: Karen VanGamper announced a 12/7 10am workshop on wreath making. Bring greens and trims to share. The Student Art show will be January 28th.

Home Life: Carol Herman announced that a family had been chosen for our Christmas sponsorship. Carol has a list of suggested gifts which should not be wrapped. She will accept cash or checks in lieu of gifts, be sure to specify OWC-family in the memo line of any checks.

Garden Club: The November 21nd meeting has been changed to 11/14. The meeting will focus on Christmas ornament repair and replacement.

New Business

- **Dues:** Dues are \$50, payable today or at the December meeting.
- **Yearbook:** Because of the transition, the yearbook will be primarily a membership roster. It will be emailed in early spring, with a few hard copies available.
- **Ditches and Shrubs:** Bushes have been cut back and CB Landscaping will remove trees on either side of the bridge.

- **Outdoor Lighting:** All of the outdoor lighting has been repaired by Willis Electric. A new flag is needed and a donation is welcome.
- **January Meeting:** Will focus on the restructuring of OWC, and plans for the future. Member feedback is welcome. The meeting will be held on January 2, with social hour at 1, and meeting at 1:30.

Hostesses: Secretary Jantzen thanked our hostesses: Barbara Mitchelson, Paula James, and Cindy Porter

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Submitted by Co-secretary, Anne Parker

Read and approved by Linda Parker, Lee Duer, and Jean Chastang.