

**Oriental Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Marlene Miller at the clubhouse at 1:27 pm. Other officers present included Treasurer Theda Butkus and Secretary Ann Stackhouse. President Elizabeth MacDonald is in our thoughts as she broke her arm over the weekend. Following her welcoming statements, Miller explained that the meeting would take place after today's presentation.

Theda Butkus introduced the board members of the Neuse Neighbors Network. Guest speaker, Mary Ann Parham, who is Vice President and in charge of membership for the Neuse Neighbors Network gave a powerpoint presentation. The Neuse Neighbors Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Pamlico County residents over 50 live independently in their own homes and remain active participants in our community for as long as possible. The organization is currently accepting volunteers who will provide transportation to medical appointments, social outings, and grocery shopping, as well as assist with light household tasks. The Neuse Neighbors Network is partnered with PrimeTime who will continue with special programs and the health care advocate.

At 2:12 pm the regular OWC meeting commenced with an inspirational reading on gratitude by Lynne Rousseau and a pledge to the American flag. Linda Parker gave a succinct message as to the reasons for instituting this tradition. This was followed by the election of 2019 officers. Deborah Powers will serve as Treasurer, Roz Kutchins and Anne Parker will serve as co-secretaries, Marlene Miller will serve as Vice President and Gwen Rhodes will serve as President.

Announcements included the following: 1) Carol Herman explained the Christmas wish list and distributed the wishes for two children (do not wrap the gifts and bring to the next general meeting); 2) Kathy Kolan said tickets for the Christmas luncheon (December 4) may still be purchased by calling her; 3) Sharon Morgan requested members sign up for the holiday maintenance clean-up of the building beginning Wednesday, November 7 to Friday, November 16 (times may be found in the November newsletter); 4) Lee Duer said we are close to one-half of our goal for Meal of the Month as of this date; 5) the Witches Crawl for cemetery maintenance netted over \$2,000; and 6) when ordering from smile.amazon.com, you may select OWC to receive approximately 0.5 % of your order for eligible products.

Hostesses for today were Lee Duer, Linda Parker, and Deborah Powers.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Gay Webster won the 50/50 raffle drawing and donated her proceeds of \$8 to the cemetery fund.

Submitted by Ann Stackhouse, Secretary

Read and approved without corrections by Gay Webster, Lynn Rousseau, and Carol Herman