

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

The meeting was opened by President Deborah Powers at 1:30 p.m. Deborah welcomed the members and guests. Ellen Blackmon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Elsie Roane gave the Inspirational Reading.

Minutes of the previous General Minutes had been read and approved. Marilyn Hollingsworth, Carol Young and Lynn Kaplan volunteered to read and approve the minutes of the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report for the previous month had been accepted for file and posted. The 2023 budget was published in the newsletter.

Elsie Roane introduced five guests. Birthdays for November are Fran Lorenzo, Jennifer Walsh, Katherine Reardon and Liz Tooley.

Jean Chastang introduced the guest speaker, Jessie Aldrige, a new member of LON. Jessie is the chair of Special Olympics for Pamlico County. There are about 100 children in the Pamlico County Schools and Arapahoe Charter School who qualify to be in the Special Olympics. Traditionally there has only been a spring game event. A Polar Plunge fundraiser will be held on January 28, 2023 at the town beach in Oriental. Jessie is looking for both volunteers and coaches to work with the Special Olympics program and a field to play soccer and bocce as sports for the students in the Special Olympic program.

New Business: Sharon Morgan of the Nominating Committee which also included Deborah Powers and Julie Wiegand, stated that if there is a nomination from the floor it must be determined that the person has given consent to be nominated. Nominated are Julie Wiegand and Ellen Blackmon as Co-President, Olga Herman as Vice-president, Sharon Morgan and Jody Riddle as Co-Secretary and Deborah Powers as Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion to accept the 2023 slate and a second. Unanimous decision by membership.

Program Reports:

Arts: Elsie will be heading up the Student Art Show which will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023. She will pick up the art on Wednesday, January 25. It will be hung on January 26 and judged by local artists on January 27th. OWC will host a reception

with refreshments on Sunday, January 29 from 12-3. Elsie made a list of volunteers for the event.

Education: The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 6, 2022 at 11:30 am, catered by Mary Ellen Ham. The meal will be chicken casserole, two sides, cranberry salad and rolls. Tickets at \$20.00. Last date to buy tickets will be November 30, 2022. There will be no walk-ins or take out lunches. Guests are welcome.

Home Life: Gay Webster reported that this year's Christmas family consists of a Father and two boys, ages 8 and 6. Gay took up a collection to purchase the Christmas gifts.

LON: Ellen Blackmon reminded the members of the Fine Arts and Craft Event being held at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Baked goods and cookies may be brought in on Friday, November 11 between 1-2 pm and on Saturday morning at 8:30. Sign-up sheets were placed at the back of the room for both working the event and providing edibles. We will also have tickets for Dessert of the Month and cards for Luminary purchases.

Garden Club:

The Garden Club will be making Christmas ornaments at their November meeting for the Christmas trees at the Town Hall and the Oriental Post Office.

Hostess: Gay has a sign-up sheet for the entire 2023 General Meeting schedule.

For the coming year, we have several Executive Committee positions that need to be filled. We have openings in Publicity, Fundraising, Building Maintenance and Ladies of the Neuse.

Jean has a sign-up sheet for cookies by the pound in the back of the room.

Sally Farrell gave a description of the Monday girl duties and had a sign-up sheet in the back of the room.

Thank you to our hostesses today: Liz Tooley, Joyce DiPasquale, Jody Riddle and Carol Young.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

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Submitted by
Ellen Blackmon, Co-Secretary