

**Oriental Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth MacDonald at the clubhouse at 1:31pm. Other officers present included Vice President Marlene Miller and Secretary Ann Stackhouse.

Lynne Rousseau provided an inspirational reading on courage.

The approved minutes of the September General Meeting and the Treasurer's reports for August and September were posted at the back of the room. There was no Executive Board Meeting in September due to Hurricane Florence.

Gwen Rhodes, Acting Membership Manager, introduced new member, Barbara McNally. Hostesses thanked for the meeting were Lynne Rousseau, Sharon Breitling, and Carol Herman.

President MacDonald spoke on our reasons to celebrate the first year as an independent civic club. She stressed that the present structure has room for flexibility and change. She reiterated her message in the OWC Newsletter that leaders need not fear responsibility for the building. Sharon Morgan, Building Maintenance Manager, was commended for her excellent services and was presented a plant in appreciation for all she does in caring for repairs and upkeep of the building. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking officers for President and Secretary for 2019.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for club members who wished to participate in decorating the OWC Christmas tree (November 28) or taking the tree down (January 2, 2019). These events are scheduled for 10 am, following Wednesdays' Yoga classes. A Christmas CD will be played during club decorations to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. A second sign-up sheet was circulated for the donation of wine for the Christmas Luncheon on December 4. Tickets may be purchased for this event for \$15 from Kathy Kolan.

Leadership has been struggling with orientation of new members. Since the club has new members join almost every month, ways to provide them with critical information needs to be explored. MacDonald shared a personal story of doing things "just like last year" to get this message across. She used a pictorial presentation to demonstrate the structure of our total organization for both old and new members, and reminded everyone they are to participate in at least one of the five programs. Members and representatives of each program (Arts, Education, Garden Club, HomeLife, and Ladies of the Neuse) addressed the number of members usually present for the meetings, the activities they found memorable, and things that particularly pleased them. All of the programs contribute to fundraising activities that go to supporting various programs and the building.

Pat Sordill, a professional in customizing organizational training and development programs, had the members brainstorm ways to help the organization move forward. These suggestions will be prioritized and the club will determine our power, ability, and resources to accomplish them. Her

suggestions regarding our organization's developmental needs will be emailed to members at a later date.

Announcements included a reminder from Lee Duer regarding tickets for the raffle for Meal-of-the-Month. If every member sells five tickets at \$20 each the club will net \$6,000. The drawing for the winner of home cooked meals delivered for two persons every month for the entire year will be held December 4. Sally Belangia reminded members about the Witches Crawl through town on Saturday, October 27 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The 50/50 raffle drawing was held with Deborah Powers winning the purse. She donated her proceeds to the Cemetery Fund.

Submitted by Ann Stackhouse, Secretary

Read and approved without corrections by Deborah Powers, Anne Parker, and Colleen Barton