

Oriental Woman's Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

President Deborah Powers opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed members and guests. The focus of this meeting was on a presentation by Karen Prince, Executive Director of HeartWorks.

Fay Bond led the Pledge of Allegiance and Terrell Scott gave the inspirational reading.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting had been read, approved, accepted for file and posted at the back of the room. Minutes for this meeting will be read for approval by Gay Radosevich, Michele Musella and Nancy McGruther.

The Treasurer's Report has been accepted for file and posted.

Ann Stackhouse introduced guests Joyce DiPasquale, Patti Arouni, Sarah Dougherty and Sarelle Wright.

Ellen Blackmon introduced the guest speaker, Karen Prince from HeartWorks. HeartWorks is a free (grant and donation financed) program for Pamlico County students in grades K-8, providing mental health counseling (Stillwaters) and an after school program, including a hot meal, for up to 150 children. Katherine Hudson, Volunteer Coordinator for Heartworks, also spoke of the role of volunteers and the need for more volunteers. OWC members were invited to tour their newly renovated and extended facility in Bayboro.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee Chair, Jean Chastang, presented the slate of Officers for 2022. They are Deborah Powers, President; Julie Wiegand, Vice President; Elizabeth Tooley, Treasurer; and Lee Duer and Ellen Blackmon, Co-Secretaries. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the November General Meeting and a vote on the slate of Officers will be taken then.

We will have an information booth at the Old Front Porch Music Festival on October 9th and need coverage from 9am to 5pm. A sign-up sheet was at the back of the room.

A sign-up sheet for cookies by the pound for the LON Bazaar (11/13/21) was also at the back of the room and will also be available at our November 2nd General Meeting.

A Christmas catered luncheon will be held on December 7th. Deborah is researching caterers (M&Ms, Silos, etc.) for menus and prices. It may be a buffet lunch or heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine. Details will be disclosed at the November General Meeting.

Work continues on the LON Fall Bazaar (11/13) with workshops almost weekly.

The Garden Club is hosting a workshop at the Clubhouse on Oct. 19th to paint birdhouses to sell at the Bazaar. All are welcome and asked to bring a birdhouse (or more) to paint.

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

Submitted by

Lee Duer, Co-Secretary