

Oriental Woman's Club (OWC) Executive Meeting

April 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Blackmon. Also present: Maryellen Bickel, Linda Caroon, Jean Chastang, Carol Young, Marguerite Garrett, Susan Van Meter, Donna Crothers, Gay Webster, Jody Riddle, Sharon Morgan, Jennifer Walsh and Julie Wiegand.

Minutes from the last Executive Meeting (EC) have been read, approved, and accepted for file. Volunteers to read and approve the minutes of the current meeting: Jody Riddle, Julie Wiegand and Carol Young.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jody Riddle called First Citizens Bank on April 21 to obtain current CD rates. A five-month CD has an APR of 3.75% and a 12-month CD is 3.5%. The current CD must be renewed by May 3. After discussion, President Blackmon made a motion that OWC should obtain a new 12-month CD at 3.5% APR on May 3. Marguerite Garrett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Additionally, Jody and Ellen applied for an organizational credit card at First Citizens. Upon receipt of the cards, the debit card was cancelled. If Ellen cannot be reached, the treasurer will have the back-up card.
- The Audit Committee met and completed the audit satisfactorily.
- Sharon Morgan will submit quarterly rental reports with information on collections and expenses to the treasurer and Jean Chastang.
- Linda Caroon will need additional monies (\$4800) for mowing of the cemetery and other expenses.
- Committee chairs were reminded to get budget requests to the treasurer.

Correspondence: Invitation to the Hope Regala, thank you note from Girls on the Run for the scholarship.

Unfinished Business: Quamori Miller will be helping President Blackmon with the redesign of the OWC website.

AED: The Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund is giving OWC a grant to purchase an AED. Previously, proceeds from the Dessert of the Month were to be used to purchase the AED. Eric Kindle has agreed to offer training on usage of the AED. The first aid kit will be placed near the AED, and this information will be included in rental contracts. Sharon Morgan made a motion to accept the funding for the AED, which was seconded by Jody Riddle and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Reports from Program Chairs and Activity Managers

Arts – No new reports.

Building Maintenance Manager – Susan Jaeger, the new OWC building maintenance manager, was absent due to family issues. Nancy McGruther is May Monday Girl, Susan will cover in June, and Gay Webster agreed to be the Monday Girl for July. August, November and December still need Monday Girls. If you can help, text Susan at 828-446-4029. Closet cleaning will be Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Susan also is working with Lowe's to get a quote on laminate flooring for the clubhouse. She also noted the kitchen sink needs repair.

Some of the large round tables have water damage. However, Hospice will not take these. Various repair methods were discussed, and it was noted gutter extensions are needed for the storage building. Julie Wiegand also noted damage to the street numbers on the clubhouse.

Cemetery Manager – Linda Caroon needs 10 postcards, which Marguerite will supply.

Community Life – Gay Webster reported that the April 4 blood drive went well, and the next drive will be held on June 13.

Education – There was discussion of increasing the amount allocated to teacher mini grants from \$1000 to \$2000. Jody Riddle suggested that the Education Committee be given discretion to increase the amount based on the number of teachers who apply and what they need. The decision on the mini grant amount was tabled for now and will go into unfinished business.

Fundraising Manager: Maryellen Bickel reported sales of Dessert of the Month raffle tickets have brought in \$600, not including monies collected today.

Garden Program – The annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, starting at 8 a.m.

Hostesses – Gay said all months in 2025 are covered.

Inspirational Reader – No new reports.

Ladies of the Neuse – Marguerite Garrett said production of Croaker Festival Parade trophies will begin after the first week in May at 9 a.m.

Membership -- Sharon Morgan reported two new memberships and said the new roster is ready. This year, the roster will include photographs.

Newsletter – No new reports.

Property Rental Manager – Sharon Morgan reported rentals for the summer have slowed down.

Scholarship Manager – Susan Van Meter said scholarship interviews will be held on May 2 and May 8, and there are 19 total applicants. Scholarship awards will occur on Thursday, May 29, at the Pamlico High School. There was discussion about needs-based scholarships.

Yearbook Editor – Jean Chastang said the Yearbook is online.

Announcements: Ellen thanked all who have called the Google voice phone at 252-699-0307.

Adjournment

President Blackmon adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Crothers