Oriental Woman's Club (OWC) Executive Meeting

November 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Blackmon. Also present: Jean Chastang, Carol Young, Marguerite Garrett, Maryellen Bickel, Susan Van Meter, Liz Tooley, Jody Riddle, Olga Herman, and Sharon Morgan.

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: Carol Young, Maryellen Bickel, and Susan Van Meter.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: October was \$1300.00 short due to an insurance premium. Year-to-date we are approximately \$2000.00 short. The cemetery CD becomes due on December 2nd. Liz will meet with Linda Caroon and Ellen to discuss further investment possibilities.

<u>Correspondence</u>: A thank you was received from the Caring Cycle. We also received a request from the Hope Clinic soliciting a donation toward their new clinic in Alliance.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Next executive meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2024.

The next General meeting will be on December 3rd which is our holiday luncheon and the installation of officers. Marguerite and Sharon will be the photographers.

A request was made to the incoming officers to submit a short biography for the newsletter so that the new membership can get to know who we are.

Olga suggested having someone from Youth Navigating Toward Opportunity (YNTO) speak at one of our general meetings.

It was suggested that the incoming officers consider naming the mini grants after Carol Herman. Carol was a great supporter of the Club.

Reports from Program Chairs and Activity Managers:

<u>Arts/Education</u>: Elsie Roane mailed out the letters to the five art teachers and will follow-up with a reminder. The committee will meet on November 19th to complete the plans for the holiday luncheon. A basket will be placed on each table for donations. The Arts Festival will be held on January 26, 2025 at which time volunteers will be needed to assist in hanging the submissions on Thursday, prior to the event. Carol has graciously volunteered to remain as a cochair for 2025. We will ask for an additional volunteer to assist Carol.

<u>Community Life</u>: Ellen announced that the next American Red Cross Blood Drive is on December 13th.

Garden Program: Julie Wiegand and Linda Parker will co-chair in 2025.

<u>Ladies of the Neuse</u>: Taking a break until Spring when the trophy construction will begin for the Croaker Festival. Marguerite will continue to chair.

Building Maintenance: None

<u>Fundraising</u>: The Fine Arts and Crafts event brought in \$1210.00.

Hostess: Hostesses are needed for 2025.

<u>Membership</u>: Sharon Morgan reported that as we go about our days to remember to invite others to our meetings. Many of us also belong to other organizations. We need to get the word out of our Club's mission. A club orientation will be offered in March with "Learn About Your Club" at the January General Meeting.

Newsletter: Jean will continue to write, edit, etc.

Past President:

Property Rental: Sharon Morgan will continue in this role.

<u>Publicity Manager</u>: This is really a duty of all club membership.

Scholarship: Susan has agreed to continue in this position.

Website:

Yearbook Editor: Jean will also continue in this capacity,

Announcements: Please remember to call our Google voice mail monthly to keep it active.

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Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Marguerite Garrett and Jody Riddle