**Call to Order – Whitney Shearin**

Whitney welcomed all members to the January membership meeting.

***Officer Reports***

**Recording Secretary – Christie Webb**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the December 2018 membership minutes.

**President – Whitney Shearin**

Whitney attended the Edgecombe Community College Scholarship Banquet. Our recipient was not present at the banquet, but Whitney is getting information from the school in order to introduce our recipient to the membership.

Committee Forms for year-end are going to be due at the May Meeting. Whitney will be sending those out with the January minutes so that you can start working on them.

**Treasurer – Michelle Chewning**



**Corresponding Secretary – Kristeena Beasley**

A congratulation note was sent to Janice Gravely. A sympathy note was sent to Amanda Skibinewski. A get-well note was sent to Amanda Bell.

**Past President/Parliamentarian – Tiffany Delano**

Christmas Cards were sent to all Current Sustainers and Honorary Member.  We still have a lot left in the budget and was discussing the idea of have a few fun presents for the Sustainers at the June meeting.  I also welcome any ideas that the Board or Members may have.

**Chamber News**

Economic Summit was Dec 12 at Rose Hill, several Junior Guild members attended this event. City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney gave an update of developments in Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount Mills welcomed Poyner Spruill LLP as a Business Tenant.

Braswell Family Farms was named one of the family businesses of the year in the Triangle Business Journal's annual Family Business Awards.

**Upcoming Chamber Events**

115th Annual Meeting on February 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm, with a reception starting at 5:15 pm at Nash Community College Brown Auditorium.

Are you a small business owner with an amazing success story to tell?  If so, submit your nomination for the 2019 National Small Business Week Awards by 3:00 Jan 9th.  The link is on the Chamber's Facebook Page or see me and I will get it to you.

**Constitutional Review Committee**

Will meet mid-January to review the proposed constitutional updates.  If you expressed interest to serve, and I have not contacted you regarding the meeting, please let me know.

**Constitutional Trivia at the Membership Meeting**

***Standing Committee Reports***

**Fundraising – Nikkie Allen/Haven Weston**

The December Silent Auction was a great success and we raised $1,500.00.  Thank you to everyone who solicited donations, volunteered and of course shopped!

The 16th Annual Bargain Sale and Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019.  The pre-sale will be on Friday, March 1st. Members should start collecting their $90 quota now.

If anyone needs storage for larger items, please let Nikkie or Haven know.

The Girls Night Out Event with Bailey’s is coming soon! The Fundraising Committee is working on the details and will forward them soon!

The beginning balance in the fundraising account was $3,250.37 with an ending balance of $4,980.37.

**Communications – Megan Connor**

There are lots of valuable resources on the website. Please send suggestions for improvement and information that needs to be included on website. There is a spot in the member resources section for membership meeting minutes and agendas. A calendar has been added to the website. It is located under events tab, and then click the button for calendar of events. Password is *guildservice.*

Winter newsletter is in the works. Please send any items for the winter newsletter to KJ Bradley.

Handbook was sent to Whitney for review.

**Community Service/Outreach & Projects – Merritt Roane/Maria Newcomb**

Peacemakers, bell-ringing, and backpack buddies were a great success. Big thank you to Whitney for meeting Merritt’s husband Greg at Baskerville Elementary to drop off the supplies raised. The committee plans to hold a meeting in the next week to discuss upcoming events.

**Cultural & Social – Keyana Walston**

No pop-up socials for January and February. Committee will be focused on providing the meals for the bargain sale.

**Placements – Lizzy Clapsadl**

We have logged 354.5 hours.  That is up 141.5 hours from last month!

Top 3 are:

1.       Jennifer Gibson at 30.5 hours

2.       Stephanie Garner at 26.5 hours

3.       KJ Bradley at 24 hours tied with Michelle Costa Foster also at 24 hours

Lizzy will be sending last year’s placements packet to chairs for review.

**Provisionals – Lauren Outlaw/Youlanda Logan**

As of today, the Provisional class has logged over 30 hours in Track it forward.  We would like to again thank all members who stepped up as Big Sister mentors for this incoming class.   We are looking forward to our first Provisional Class meeting that will occur this Sunday January 6th 2:00pm at Station Square.

**Puppets – Diana Bradley/Heather Jones**

The puppet committee will perform their first show for the public on February 1st for First Friday. Shows are at 6:15pm and 6:45pm. Come see us!

**Scholarship – Kelly Anne Mudd**

The ending balance in scholarship account was $295,771.00.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Straw ballot of nominating and ways and means committee were passed out.

**Announcements**

None.

**Closing**

The next membership meeting – February 7th, 2019. We will have a morning meeting at 11:00am and an evening meeting at 6:45pm.

Meeting adjourned by President, Whitney Shearin

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Webb, 2018-2019 Recording Secretary

Whitney Shearin, 2018-2019 Junior Guild President