**Call to Order— Tiffany Delano**

Tiffany Delano welcomed all to the 81st annual meeting of the Junior Guild of Rocky Mount.

Lizzy Clapsadl presented the Scholarship Recipient: Meredith Sides

Amanda Bell lead a blessing.

Tiffany Delano introduced Adrian Wood, PhD.

Adrian Wood, PhD spoke and Q&A.

Tiffany Delano presented Dr. Adrian Wood with a gift.

Tiffany Delano introduced the Past Presidents and Sustainers that were able to attend:

**Past Presidents:**

* Julia Allsbrook
* Lisa Butler
* Maxie McGlohon
* Karen Miller
* Kim Shell
* Kate Tharin
* Marlo Williams

**Sustainers:**

* Sara Cake
* Melanie Collier
* Brenda Crocker
* Marianne Farris
* Mandy Hunter
* Deborah Shearin
* Amanda Skibniewski
* Donna Wood
* Cindy Stone

**Corresponding Secretary— Kelly Ann Mudd**

Change of status letters were received from Emily Watson, Marlo Williams, and Amanda Bell to go from Active to Sustaining.

**Recording Secretary— Emily Watson**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the May minutes.

**Treasurer— Michelle Chewning**

The beginning balance for the administrative account was $25,828.56 with an ending balance of $25,491.09. The beginning balance for the discretionary account was $7,541.34 with an ending balance of $7,687.34. The beginning for the community trust account was $102.07 with an ending balance of $97.07. (The ending balance of the Administrative account is a preliminary number.)

**Past President/Parliamentarian**

No report

**Announcements:**

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Active Members going sustaining**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Marlo Williams, Emily Watson, and Amanda Bell to go from active to sustaining.

**Provisionals recommended for Active Membership**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Jennifer Gibson, Melanie Wallace, PJ Roberson, Janee Harris and Katlin Ruffin to move from provisionals to active members in the Junior Guild.

**President’s Award**

The President’s Award was presented to Haven Weston.

**Annual President's Report**

The Junior Guild has been actively involved in Nash and Edgecombe County community for 81 years. We once again had an extremely active year in the community in regards to both service and fundraising. The Junior Guild kicked off our year with our 2nd Annual Corporate Sponsorship Campaign. We were able to raise approximately $7250.00. A big thank you to our sponsors.

Our sixteen Community Trust Recipients will be awarded approximately $960.00 each

All of the chairs were challenged this year to create SMART Goals for their respective committees. Empowering Chairs have resulted in raising the Scholarship amount from $750/semester to $1000/semester, setting up Venmo to accept credit card payments, increasing our sustainer communications, involvement, and attendance at Jr Guild events, increasing utilization of social media, updating history on our website, and celebrating service achievements, just to highlight a few. The chairs worked as a team to accomplish set goals for the year.

My SMART goals included engaging our Sustainers and preserving our history. This year’s theme has been “Power of the Past, Force of the Future”. In an effort to engage our Sustainers I have made it a priority to increase our communication by sending monthly updates, notes regarding newsworthy articles, and personal notes. In an effort to preserve our history, I have cleaned out storage, repaired some scrapbooks, and restarted the traditional yearly scrapbook making. There was a history display at the December meeting that contained our First Annual Handbook from 1937, all the cookbooks and scrap books from each decade as well as at the June meeting.

This year, we have also brought back the guest speakers. David Joyner, Ron Green, and Chief Bashore are a few that have come to encourage the Guild to build relationships and not just

donate money and/or work on projects to fulfill an obligation. David also challenged members to think about what would be most impactful to the community when making decisions.

Bottles and Bids was added to the Fundraising Line up this year and raised just under $2,000 through a public silent auction and raffle held a Goat Island Bottle Shop at The Mill. Many Members, Provisionals and Sustainers were in attendance and donated auction items. We appreciate your support to make this first year a huge success

In addition to our wonderful annual Fundraising events, the Guild continued their presence in volunteering at the HOPE Program, InJoy Thrift Shop, Road side cleanup, Tar River Orchestra and Chorus Musical Zoo, Peacemakers Toy Store, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, Meals on Wheels Beans and Brews, and new ventures with Nash Recycle Day, The Soup Kitchen, Kiddie Korral at Derby Day, and the Twin Counties Sugar Run.

Junior Guild also had a presence at the NCC and ECC scholarship presentation and congratulated our recipients in person.

Our Puppet committee held our Puppet tradition strong and put on fabulous shows of “The Little Engine that Could.” The committee hosted approximately 400 children and 20 shows this spring season. This includes special performances at Winter Wonderland, First Friday events, First United Methodist Church, Hollister Elementary Leadership Academy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School and Rocky Mount Academy.

We are also incredibly blessed by our Provisionals that have joined us this year. The Provisional Class chose to work with the Down East Partnership for Children for our project this year. They chose this particular organization due to their work with children in our communities since they are the future leaders of our community.

I would like to thank the Officers and Chair and Co-chairs for all of your hard work over the past year. It has truly been an honor to serve with you all. I so enjoyed and appreciated every single opinion and contribution that you all have made.

And finally, a huge thank you to all of our Active, Sustaining and Provisional Members. It has been a wonderful year and I feel lucky to have led this organization into its 81st year of service in the Nash and Edgecombe communities.

Tiffany Delano

2017-2018 President

**Induction of Officers for 2018-2019**

Tiffany Delano accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of Past President/Parliamentarian.

Whitney Shearin accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of President.

Nikkie Allen accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of Vice President.

Christie Webb accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of Recording Secretary.

Kristeena Beasley accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of Corresponding Secretary.

Michelle Chewning accepted the responsibilities and was inducted into the position of Treasurer.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to our new President, Whitney Shearin.

Whitney Shearin presented a gift to Tiffany Delano for her service as President during 2017-2018.

The 2018-2019 budget was approved.

The 2018-2019 Way & Means was approved.

**Fundraising**

Whitney thanked everyone for their support of the fundraising committee this year. The total funds raised for this year are $19.548. These funds will be distributed to the 16 community trust recipients and to fund scholarships at Nash Community College and Edgecombe Community College.

Whitney asked all members to be on the lookout for emails over the summer announcing fundraising events.

The beginning balance in the fundraising account was $17,896.37 with an ending balance of $18,413.35.

**Communications—Megan Connor**

There is lots of valuable information on our website. There is a spot in the member resources section for membership meeting agendas and minutes. The member resource page password is *guildservice*. If any member has suggestions for improvement and/or information that needs to be included, please let Megan know.

A newsletter will be distributed this summer. Please send any pictures from the June social to Megan.

The internet domain name was renewed this past month.

**Community Service/Outreach and Projects – Merritt Roane**

We have received several community service ideas for next year. Thank you for sharing your ideas. If you think of anymore ideas, please let us know. We plan to meet over the summer to discuss. We will have a committee meeting in August to get the planning process started.

Community Service/Outreach (February 2016 Meeting):

Peacemakers:

Peacemakers of Rocky Mount is in dire need of volunteers for their afterschool

programs from Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Please let Stephanie know if you

can help out. If they do not get extra volunteers, they may be forced to cut services.

The H.O.P.E Program:

Next program date is February 6, 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm at Englewood Presbyterian

Church on Sunset Ave. Members can volunteer for part of the time.

INJOY Thrift Store:

Members may volunteer any time Monday – Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

VolunteerSpot Website:

Finalizing sign-ups on website and will send to KJ Bradley to put on Junior Guild

website so that members can sign up through link.

**Cultural & Social— Stephanie Garner**

The hand lettering class and social was a great time. Stephanie thanked Marlo Williams for organizing and Tina at Left Side Crafts for teaching.

The June Southern Soiree will be on June 7th at 6:15pm at Benvenue Country Club. The cost is $32 per person. Decorating will be done on June 6th. Favors from The Bath Place will be distributed and Adrian Wood, PhD will be the guest speaker.

**Placements— KJ Bradley**

All members of the Junior Guild completed over 1000 hours of service this year.

Track It Forward will be updated for the 2018-2019 year by June 15. Please do not submit new hours before this date.

**Provisionals— Keyana Walston**

No report.

**Puppets— Jessie Langley**

The puppets committee performed the puppet show, “The Little Engine that Could” a total of 20 times to approximately 400 community members this past year.

**Scholarship—Lizzy Clapsadl**

2017-2018 Junior Guild Scholarship Recipient is Meredith Sides and will be in attendance at the June 7th meeting but will not be able to eat dinner.

The ending balance for the scholarship account is $320,426.26.

**Closing**

Whitney Sherain reminded everyone that 2018-2019 dues can be paid tonight. Active membership dues are $60, and our sustaining membership dues are $25.

The next Membership Meeting will take be announced via email during the summer.

Meeting adjourned by President Whitney Shearin.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Webb, 2018-2019 Recording Secretary

Whitney Shearin, 2018-2019 Junior Guild President