**Call to Order – Jennifer Gibson**

Jennifer welcomed all members to the March membership meeting.

***Officer Reports***

**Recording Secretary – Christie Webb**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the February 2022 membership minutes.

**President – Jennifer Gibson**

Please make sure that you are logging your hours in Track it Forward.  We are halfway through the year and want to make sure that everyone is on track to complete their required hours. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication during Bargain Sale week - we could not have had a successful event without your hard work and support. Please log your hours and please let me know if there are any upcoming events that need to be added to the calendar or Track it Forward.

**Treasurer – Keyana Walston**

Account balances are as follows:

Admin: $25,355.12

Fundraising: $6,637.88

Discretionary Fund: $9,040.33

If any member has any outstanding expenses that need to be reimbursed, please turn in receipts as soon as possible.

**Corresponding Secretary – Ashley Newman**

Tiffany Delano has requested to go Sustaining as of the June 2022 meeting.

**Past President/Parliamentarian – Haven Weston**

A separate meeting will be setup to review, discuss, and approve constitutional changes.

***Standing Committee Reports***

**Fundraising – Heather Jones/Kaila Billups**

Hope everyone is have a great start to their March so far!  
  
So I know you are wondering about the bargain sale and how we did…. well drum roll please, we made $1,333.78. That’s awesome after taking a year off and coming back from COVID!  
Thank you so much to everyone who helped out the entire week! I was exhausted but couldn’t have done it without the help and support of you ladies!  
  
Next on the agenda is the long-awaited discount cards! It is in the works to get them created and as soon as they are done, I will send an email to see what y’all think  
  
So excited with how this year is going and much more to come!

**Communications – Sherri Bryant**

If you have anything to be included in newsletters, send it to sherribryant11@gmail.com with a subject line JG Newsletter.

Winter newsletter has been posted.

Please let PJ Roberson or Sherri know if you have anything that you need updated or posted to our website or social media pages.

**Community Service/Projects – Alexandra Gillman/Ann Catherine Phillips**

Roadside cleanup was cancelled for inclement weather and has been rescheduled for 3/27 - to take place before the puppet show.

Sign-up for Tackle the Tar volunteer slots will begin next week. There will be a number of opportunities - across several days - to volunteer to support Tackle the Tar.

Spring cleanup at the Garden will take place the first Sunday in April (4/3). Spouses are welcomed! We'll be doing a LOT of weeding ahead of our swing, benches, and pavers being installed.

Keep a peak on the Guild's Facebook page and track it forward to get updates on dates and time slots.

**Cultural & Social – Keyana Walston**

Thank you PJ for acknowledging the local restaurants that donated for bargain sale week.  We hope you all enjoyed dinner every evening.  We are gathering ideas for the June dinner meeting, please let us know if you have any suggestions.

**Placements – Lizzy Clapsadl**

We have logged 920.5 hours so far!  That is up 365.5 hours from last month!  Thank you bargain sale!

Our top 3 are:

1.       Heather Jones at 95.5 hours

2.       Haven Weston at 66 hours

3.       Melanie Townsend at 64.5 hours

Our top 3 non board members are:

1.       Ann Catherine Phillips – 34 hours

2.       Latasha Edge – 32 hours

3.       Christi Davis – 28.5 hours

I would like to recognize those who have already completed their 36 hours!

Congratulations to:

Heather Jones, Haven Weston, Melanie Townsend, Maria Newcombe, Alexandra Gilman, and Jennifer Gibson.

There are 3 members who haven’t logged any hours, so make sure you’re keeping track and if you have an issue, please get with me, Jennifer, or your committee chair.  We are here to help!  4 hours a month is ideal to get to 36 hours, so 24 would be on track.  Some people have more in the spring and others more in the fall, just recognize where you are.

Don’t forget, you need to serve at least 3 hours of your 36 hours as community service.  There have been and continue to be lots of opportunities provided by Alex and Ann Catherine so make sure to check out track it forward to sign up!  The events that count are specifically labeled as community service.

Those who have already completed their 3 hours include:

Christi Davis

Danielle Cunningham

Melanie Townsend

Shaquitta Fleming

Ann Catherine Phillips

Alexandra Gilman

Taylor Phillips

Jennifer Gibson

Haven Weston

Kaila Billups

Keyana Walston

Jessica Poindexter

Maria Newcomb

**Provisionals – Melanie Townsend & Nickie Rich**

The Provisional Class met virtually on Tuesday. They are moving forward with a beautification project benefitting both the Boys & Girls Club of the Tar River Region and the Mercer Foundation's Tri-County Veterans Home. They are seeking donations in support of this effort; $15 donations will be awarded 1 hour of Community Service and $30 donations will be awarded 2 hours of Community Service. Please denote Provisional Project in the memo area of Venmo or your Check so donations may be properly attributed. In addition, the Provisional Class will be hosting a Double Good Popcorn fundraiser. Our fundraising window begins on March 14, 2022, at 5:45 PM and goes until March 18, 2022, at 5:45 PM. The link to purchase will be provided on the date of the sale. The next Provisional Class meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Also, some people were left out of the last t-shirt order due to private Venmo payments so we will be placing a second order. Consequently, you have not placed an order for a t-shirt, you can still get one. They were a big hit with those that received them since they are tri-blend rather than the heavy cotton previously used. You may submit your order using the following link and make your payment via Venmo.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FOrOJzwy8bJHBNblTWT7_NPiCTCiXnk3H7WntWYMDs0/edit>

Since we're not up against a hard deadline (the Bargain Sale), orders are not due until March 22nd.

**Puppets – Diana Norville & Ashley Newman**

I want to thank everyone that has signed up to volunteer for a show so far! The shows have been a huge success. In fact, I have had two more schools to call for a show- but we’re booked. Great problem to have though! We have two shows this upcoming Sunday, at 2:30 and 3:30. Currently we have zero volunteers, so if you are available, please sign up! Remember- family members count also! If you have any questions, please shoot me an email or a text. My number is 252-452-5848. I will be glad to help. Those that have signed up will tell you it is actually fun, and not that stressful! Again, thank you to everyone that has volunteered already, the puppet committee truly appreciates it.

**Scholarship – Tiffany Delano**

February 28th balance was $422,507.10.

Currently no one has applied for the scholarship this year.

If anyone would like to be on the Scholarship Committee, please let me know.

**Community Trust – Maria Newcomb**

Applications to all current community trust recipients have been sent out. If you know of any nonprofit organizations that are interested, please have them contact me for an application or go online to the Junior Guild website and print out. The application deadline is on April 1st, 2022. Once all applications have been received, I will meet with the Ways & Means committee to discuss applicants and decide on the 2022 community trust recipients.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. MJ discussed moving our funds to the NC Community Foundation to establish an endowed scholarship fund an endowed operating fund. We could also endow both our scholarships at the community colleges (ECC & NCC). This would allow us to fortify our financial future. More discussions to come around this topic.
2. A straw ballot was submitted during the meeting for members to vote for upcoming nominated officers. The results were shared with the membership as follows:
   * 1. Melanie Townsend – President
     2. Ashley Newman – Vice-President
     3. Dianna Norville – Recording Secretary
     4. Keyana Walston will continue in the Treasurer role to fulfill the 2 year commitment

**Announcements**

**Closing**

The next membership meeting will be held on April 7th, 2022 at 6:45pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by President, Jennifer Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Webb, 2021-2022 Recording Secretary

Jennifer Gibson, 2021-2022 Junior Guild President