**Call to Order – Jennifer Gibson**

Jennifer welcomed all members to the October membership meeting.

***Officer Reports***

**Recording Secretary – Christie Webb**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the September 2021 membership minutes.

**President – Jennifer Gibson**

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the Junior Guild members started off our 2021-2022 year off on the right foot. The Fundraising Committee had a successful mum sale, selling 850 mums. Great job to ALL who were involved in the process. Great job! I had a great time seeing and talking with everyone at the Mum Sale, Saturday. Also, please remember to log your hours for the work you did during the sale! If you sold 4+ or more than required, please log your additional 2 hours.

Volunteer Opportunities are continuing to be scheduled on Track it Forward- I will try my best to provide updates to all the membership as these opportunities become available. Community Service is currently finalizing the rest and will be mentioned later in the meeting.

Thank you for all you do for the Rocky Mount Community and for the Junior Guild, if you need me for anything at all, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

**Treasurer – Keyana Walston**

Account balances are as follows:

Admin account: $23,636.48

Community Trust: $3,033.44

Fundraising: $12,306.68

Discretionary Fund: $9,076.33

Please remember when making deposits or any bank transactions such as payments etc. please forward all documentation (receipts, invoices, deposit slips) to jrguildtreasurer@gmail.com.

Also, when sending funds through Venmo please indicate what the funds are for as well as number of items sold, etc.  It is very helpful for reconciling purposes.

There are a number of members who have outstanding dues, please pay your membership dues by Friday October 8th.  Dues are $60.

**Corresponding Secretary – pending election**

A sympathy card was sent to Shaquitta Fleming on the passing of her grandmother.

A congratulations card will be sent to Jet Poindexter Hatu for getting married.

**Past President/Parliamentarian – Haven Weston**

Constitutional revisions can be submitted to Haven until the January 2022 Meeting.  If you are interested in serving on the Constitutional Review Committee, please let Haven know.  The committee will meet mid-January to put together the recommendation to bring to the membership in February.

***Standing Committee Reports***

**Fundraising – Heather Jones/Kaila Billups**

Mums the word!  Woo wee ladies mum sale has come and gone! So, I know everyone is curious how we did, and drum roll please… we preordered 850 mums and we sold them ALL! Sept 25th from 8-12pm was the mum sale!   I could not be any prouder of every single one of you ladies because you pushed the word out about mums, sold mums, delivered, and helped out!  A huge thank you to each and every one of you!  Usually, we reveal who sold the most mums but this year I want to change that up a bit! I don’t think just one person should get recognition, because ladies EVERYONE SINGLE ONE US busted our butts getting those mums sold! So, congrats on a great year for mum sale y’all rock!

Corporate sponsors
If anyone knows a business that may be interested in a sponsorship let us know! We do have a few secured from last year so we are almost at our goal and I need your help to get there!

**Communications – Sherri Bryant**

Sherri is working on the Fall newsletter. If you have anything to be included in the fall newsletter, send it to sherribryant11@gmail.com with a subject line JG Newsletter by October 15th.

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

Handbook for 2021-2022 is being written now.

I’m happy to announce that we now have a Junior Guild You Tube Page. Thank you to Melanie Townsend for the thought and providing the first presentation and post. If you have anything you would like added on the page <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yT7PtxOueTM>

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

We had our first sensory garden work session on 9/16. 4 members joined to work in the garden logging 8 hours of service with that event.

With Jennifer and Maria’s help, we were able to get “call for service” language added to the Community Trust Recipient applications.

Committee is meeting 10/5 to finalize service dates for:

Roadside cleanup

Josh’s Toy Drive

Peacemakers

Meals on Wheels

Soup Kitchen

Confirmed Dates:

Nov. 13 - 9a-5p - SA Bell Ringing. Ringing in groups of 2.

May 12-14 Tackle the Tar

We need someone with photography skills. Any active members?

**Cultural & Social – Keyana Walston**

The social committee would like to invite you to join us at Happy Daze Farms on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11am for corn maze and pumpkin patch fun!  This event is a family friendly event so bring your kids and/or spouses.  The Guild will cover the cost of the **active member only**.  Admission is $15, includes corn maze, barrel train ride, pumpkin, and activities.  Address is 8498 West Tarboro Road, Rocky Mount NC.  Phone number is 252-200-4999.

Please sign up in track it forward so we can get a head count (Lizzy is posting soon).

We will not host a pop up social in November, please enjoy your families and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Due to a scheduling conflict at Benvenue Country Club our December dinner meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, December 9th.  Cost will still be $35.  If anyone has any ideas or something they would like to see please forward to Janee or Jet.

**Placements – Lizzy Clapsadl**

We have logged 242 hours so far!  That is up 161.5 from last month, thank you Mum Sale!

Our top 3 are:

1.       Heather Jones at 35.5 hours

2.       Haven Weston at 27 hours

3.       Jennifer Gibson at 25 hours

Our top 3 non-board members are:

1.       PJ Roberson at 13.5 hours

2.       Taylor Phillips at 11.5 hours

3.       Latasha Edge at 8.5 hours

Don’t forget, Mum sales count towards hours!

If you sell 14 or more, you get 2 hours and you can also obtain hours by working the Mum sale!  9 members still haven’t logged any hours, if you sold 14 mums, you have at least 2 hours!

**Provisionals – Melanie Townsend & Nickie Rich**

The Provisional Committee held two informational sessions that included three candidates, with an additional offering scheduled for Wednesday (the day preceding the meeting) for those who were unable to attend the first two sessions. Membership applications will be due by October 15th. Also, an informational video was produced and is now live on YouTube.

**Puppets – Diana Norville & Ashley Newman**

No report.

**Scholarship – Tiffany Delano**

The closing balance for September was $427,979.26.

Checks were mailed to ECC and NCC.

**Community Trust – Maria Newcomb**

No report.

**Old Business**

We currently have 3 positions open on the Ways and Means Committee as well as the Corresponding Secretary position. If you would like to nominate someone and/or yourself for any of these positions, please contact Jennifer via email ASAP. Final nominees will be submitted via an electronic ballot.

Nominations received so far:

**Ways and Means Committee:**

(1 year) Alexandra Gilman, Christi Davis, Ann Catherine Phillips

(2 years) Taylor Phillips, Latasha Edge

**Corresponding Secretary:** Maria Newcomb, MJ Townsend, Nickie Rich, Ashley Newman

**New Business**

We discussed providing t-shirt/sweatshirt options to the membership. Maria Newcomb provided pricing, color options, and lead time from the supplier we have used in the past. Keyana Walston will be reaching out to other suppliers to see if pricing can be reduced.

**Announcements**

No report.

**Closing**

The next membership meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, 11/4/2021 at 6:45pm.

Meeting adjourned by President, Jennifer Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Webb, 2021-2022 Recording Secretary

Jennifer Gibson, 2021-2022 Junior Guild President