**Call to Order – Jennifer Gibson**

Jennifer welcomed all members to the September membership meeting.

***Officer Reports***

**Recording Secretary – Christie Webb**

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

**President – Jennifer Gibson**

The 2021-2022 Junior Guild year has begun! It’s been decided to continue virtual meetings via Zoom with the exceptions of the December and June dinner meetings due to Covid-19.

Volunteer Opportunities are being scheduled on Track-it-forward, so please make sure to sign up and log your hours. The 2020-2021 Community Trust recipient checks have been cut to our 9 Recipients. Thank you for bearing with us as we continue to navigate volunteering and running Junior Guild in a virtual capacity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

**Treasurer – Keyana Walston**

Admin- $24,454.19

Community Trust- $3,087.28

Discretionary- $9,076.33

The budget has been emailed to all committee chairs.

If you have any expenses that need to be reimbursed, please provide those to Keyana.

If you haven’t paid your $60 dues for this year, payment can be submitted via check or Venmo.

**Corresponding Secretary – pending election**

A card was sent out to Shaquanna Reaves for the birth of her baby boy Onyx.

A card was sent out to Emily Watson for the passing of her grandfather.

**Past President/Parliamentarian – Haven Weston**

No report.

***Standing Committee Reports***

**Fundraising – Heather Jones/Kaila Billups**

The Fundraising committee is super excited and pumped for this year. We met via zoom last month to go over what we wanted to do for this year.  We had lots of amazing thoughts and ideas brought to the table.

**Mum Sale**
The Mum Sale is Saturday, Sept 25th from 8am-11am at the Nash County Farmer's Market.  They are $15 each.  Each member is REQUIRED to sell 10 mums.  Sell 2 over the 10 required you can receive one extra hour with a max amount of 4 extra mums for a max of 2 hours.  Money is due on Monday Sept 20th.  Please turn in to Heather or Kaila. Cash, Check or Venmo.   850 mums have been ordered from Bass Plant Farm.  Mum sale shifts have been added to Track-It-Forward.  Bass Plant Farm will have a couple of trucks delivering the mums on Friday Sept 24th and we will have a few others with trailers to assist.  If anyone else has access to trucks and trailers and can help in moving mums, it would be greatly appreciated.  The more help we have the easier and quicker we can get them moved in.

**Corporate Sponsors**
We have also started working on Corporate Sponsors until the End of October.  We have secured a few donations from out previous years' sponsors.  We are still waiting to hear back from a few.

**Communications – Sherri Bryant**

‌Sherri‌ ‌is‌ ‌working‌ ‌on‌ ‌the‌ ‌Fall‌ ‌newsletter. ‌ ‌If‌ ‌you‌ ‌have‌ ‌anything‌ ‌that needs to‌ ‌be‌ ‌included‌ ‌in‌ ‌the‌ ‌ ‌

newsletter,‌ please ‌send‌ ‌to‌ ‌‌sherribryant11@gmail.com‌‌ ‌with‌ ‌a‌ ‌subject‌ ‌line‌ ‌JG‌ ‌Newsletter‌ ‌no later than September 17th.

‌If you have anything that needs to be updated or posted to the website or social media, please let PJ or Sherri know.

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 The handbook for 2021-2022 is being written now.

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If you are an officer for the 2021-2022 year, please send Sherri your profile so she can update the website. Profiles can be sent to ‌sherribryant11@gmail.com‌.

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

The Committee has met several times to discuss goals and priorities for service and giving for 2021-22 service year. Topics discuss include:

* Prioritizing a broader range of opportunities for service and giving - with a lower headcount to ensure social distancing and other necessary safety precautions
* Exploring opportunities where spouses/partners and children can participate
* Explore opportunities for service times outside of typical weekend options.

Community Trust Recipients

* Leverage relationships with current recipients to identify needs for service (projects/service hours, giving, potential provisional projects, etc.)
* Add a “Call for Service” to the Community Trust Recipient application where opportunities for service can be identified in advance

Calendar is not currently set in stone; the committee will be working to finalize Q1/Q2 opportunities over the next several weeks

* Service calendar will include options that will extend into summer months.

Current planned offerings to include:

* Roadside Cleanup
* Josh’s Toy Drive
* Salvation Army – Bell Ringing at Hobby Lobby
* Tackle the Tar
* Peacemakers**\***
* Meals on Wheels**\***
* Soup Kitchen
* Greater Joy – Book Collection
* Basset Center**\***
* Sensory Garden

**\*planned but not confirmed**

**Cultural & Social – Keyana Walston**

The social committee is working on a pop up social for the month of October.

**Placements – Lizzy Clapsadl**

We have logged 80.5 hours so far this summer!  Last summer, we only logged 10 so we are doing great!

Our top 3 are:

1.       Lizzy Clapsadl at 11 hours

2.       PJ Roberson at 8 hours

3.       Tiffany Delano at 8 hours

Our top 3 non-board members are:

1.       Randi Wells at 6.5 hours

2.       Taylor Phillips at 3.5 hours

3.       Latasha Edge at 3.5 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!  Don’t forget to sign up in Track-It Forward!

Track-It Forward directions have been sent to Melanie and Nickie so they can pass them along to Provisionals.

Our Track-It Forward account was renewed for $144.00 (annual expense).

**Provisionals – Melanie Townsend & Nickie Rich**

Currently, we have 9 interested Provisional candidates.

To boost referrals, I have decided to extend the offer to be included in a drawing for a massage/facial from Massage Envy to September 26th. Please submit your referrals via the Interest Form link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKNhurfLDbeOszva-EH8d1gNo9wE-US1z26CSGs8Wwqrkfmw/viewform?usp=sf\_link](https://proofpointisolation.com/browser?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSeKNhurfLDbeOszva-EH8d1gNo9wE-US1z26CSGs8Wwqrkfmw%2Fviewform%3Fusp%3Dsf_link)

An informational video without dates is being produced that will be live on YouTube and be easily shared across platforms and individually with interested candidates. Sherri Bryant is working on building the YouTube account that will house this. This will be shared via social media within the next week.

Due to the recent COVID/Delta variant uptick, our Provisional Meet & Greets will be virtual: Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 PM and Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 PM.

The Community Service committee has agreed to solicit our Community Trust recipients for project ideas for our incoming provisional class. This will allow them to choose from projects that are needed and we know will be most impactful, in addition to having the option to building something on their own.

Those members interested in serving as big sisters, please contact Melanie Townsend to express interest (melanietownsend@hotmail.com). This role is expected to be an active member of the provisional process. They should check in with their little sister/provisional candidate on at least a monthly basis to check in/remind them of upcoming events, answer questions, attend provisional events/meetings as time permits, and sit near them at in-person events. This constitutes service on another committee toward your hours.

**Puppets – Diana Norville & Ashley Newman**

Heather Jones and Diana met on 8/13 at the Imperial Centre. Heather walked Diana through the puppet theatre and showed her around. Heather gave Diana advice on past years and guidance for this year. The committee is currently working to choose a topic for the upcoming show in order to begin marketing to local schools and daycares. We are excited about the upcoming year!

**Scholarship – Tiffany Delano**

The closing balance in the Scholarship account is: $445,873.00. Checks were distributed to the respective colleges for the fall semester.

**Community Trust – Maria Newcomb**

Whitney Shearin cut the checks for our Community Trust Recipients. I am hoping to get them delivered no later than the end of next week. They will have the application enclosed in the checks which will be due to be returned by February of 2022. There will be a revision on the application asking each recipient what the Guild can do for each of our recipients to help out by donating our time to them in an area that might be of use.

**Old Business**

**New 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

**Announcements**

**Closing**

The next membership meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, 10/7/2021 at 6:45pm.

Meeting adjourned by President, Jennifer Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Webb, 2021-2022 Recording Secretary

Jennifer Gibson, 2021-2022 Junior Guild President