

**Watts Alumni Association Winter Gathering
December 10, 2019**

Board Attendees: Susan Avent, Reba Beavers, Liz Cantor, Gina Edwards, Melissa Murray, Audrey Neal, Breanne Payne, Dr. Peggy Walters

Absent: Becky Dodson, Jasetta Perkins

I. Welcome/Call to order @ 12:05 pm – Melissa Murray, current President

II. Invocation – Audrey Neal

III. Treasurer report – Reba Beavers

- a) \$270,000 in Ethel Clay Price Scholarship fund
 - i) Now give \$4,000 per semester regardless of number of applicants
 - b) \$3,400 in checking account

IV. Updates

- a) Dues are due now
- b) Alumni activities
 - i) Snacks for exams: Dec 3, 4, 5, & 6 (board members covered)
 - ii) Attendance at Senior Luncheon December 12 – Chester will represent the Board and welcome the graduates with a letter of invitation and a 1 year membership in the alumni association
 - iii) Graduation: December 13; alumni helps present the Beulah Owens and Burke Mathews scholarship awards; takes place at the First Pentecostal Church on Carver St
 - iv) Meet & Greet with incoming freshmen students: Jan 6 at 12 noon; anyone who would like to attend and help with setup/clean up please contact Melissa Murray (wattsalumniassociation@gmail.com)
 - v) Spring Banquet: May 6, 2020 at Croasdaile Country Club

V. School Update – Dr. Peggy Walters

- a) 2019 has been a busy year
- b) Thank You for the gift of the white boards
- c) Thank You for the Freshman luncheon (Meet & Greet)
- d) New security system at school with panic system in place
- e) Thank You for those who attended the Watts College of Nursing inauguration
- f) Dr. Walters will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal in February 2020 to present on the transition from a diploma program to a BSN program
- g) Dr. Walters extended her appreciation for staff and alumni support during the transition to Watts College of Nursing
- h) Donna White (class of 1970 and Johnston County House Representative) presented a proclamation to the Watts College of Nursing at the state legislature in October; it is now

hanging at the school

VI. Charity: attendees voted unanimously to collect donations for Urban Ministries; \$307 was collected

- a) Prior charities include Durham Rescue Mission – Women’s & Children’s unit, Wounded Warriors, Meals on Wheels (local), Bull City Ministries, and the Diaper Bank of NC

VII. Attendance:

- a) RSVP’s: **28**
- b) Attended: **26**
 - i) The new lunchtime gathering seems to be a hit

VIII. Miscellaneous

- a) Awaiting link of Watts College inauguration to be uploaded to School website