

Watts Alumni Association Meeting  
December 5, 2018

- I. Welcome from Reba, current Treasurer/Database Manager
- II. Invocation by Jane Briggs Watkins
- III. Treasurer's Report: Reba Beavers – 193K in ECP Scholarship Fund and \$2200 in checking account
- IV. Dinner – started at 551pm (16 present, previously had 5 cancellations d/t illness)
- V. Updates:
  - a. Dues are due now
  - b. Alumni activities
    - i. Snacks for exams: Dec 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>
      1. The Board Members cover setting up each day
    - ii. Attendance at Senior Luncheon, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>– a Board Member always attends to represent the alumni association and welcome to the alumni with a letter of invitation.
    - iii. Graduation. December 14<sup>th</sup> , the alumni helps present the Beulah Owens and Burke Matthews awards – this will take place at the First Pentecostal Church on Carver St
    - iv. Meet and Greet with incoming freshmen students, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 12noon, anyone who would like to attend and help with setup/clean up please contact Susan Avent
    - v. Spring Banquet, Croasdaile, May 8, 2019
- VI. School Update: Dr. Walters (after dinner at 640pm) – Gives her great appreciation to the alumni for all their ongoing support.
  - a. The January 2019 class is full. Student enrollment has been great.
  - b. The school and faculty have been diligently working on getting ready to implement a new Student Information System (SIS). It is cloud based by Oracle. The application will include online application, registration, recruitment and interfacing with the current education system, Sakai. Target for implementation is no later than by June.
  - c. With the monetary alumni gift provided: the students have asked for some specific lab equipment.
  - d. Exams started today.
  - e. BSN program update: this has been a long-term project that officially started in 2014. The NCBON approved in October 2018, pending license obtained from the UNC GA. Accreditation Bodies approved also pending license obtained. DUHS and Duke University has also approved pending license obtained. We hope to hear that the license from the UNC GA is awarded and is just a formality in January 2019. Once everything is approved, we will be planning a big celebration. All invited.

- i. We will probably only take 32 for the first class
  - ii. Fall 2019 we will be accepting applicants and acceptance will be based on completion of the pre-requisite requirements.
  - iii. There will be a transition period for ending the Diploma programs and starting the Baccalaureate program.
  - iv. Goals: 1<sup>st</sup> class to graduated in 2021, last Diploma graduates Fall 2021
  - v. There will be a published Diploma closure plan. All sad and happy at the same time as we carry the Watts tradition into the future and meeting the future BSN needs.
  - vi. The History project continues to grow with obtaining new information and artifacts.
  - vii. There will be a new award presented at Graduation in honor of a former superintendent, Katherine Featherall. Donna Rogers located a family member that lives nearby, step-son Colonel Troy.
- VII. Charity to contribute to this year – Previously we have sent contributions to the Durham Rescue Mission-Women’s and Children’s unit, Wounded Warriors, Meals on Wheels (local), Bull City Ministries. Two suggestions made tonight: Able to Serve (for Special Needs Adults out of Garner NC) and Diaper Bank of NC ([ncdiaperbank.org](http://ncdiaperbank.org)). The group voted, and the contributions tonight will go the Diaper Bank of NC. We collected \$151.00. Reba will send out within the next week.
- VIII. Discussion
- a. Should we change Winter Gathering to a lunch meeting? – The group present feels it is a good idea. Typically, we have a date published far enough in advance that those who work can request off. The group suggests presenting to the larger group at the May Spring Banquet and propose trying this for the December 2019 Gathering.
  - b. Spring 2019 election of officers: anyone interested? – Please contact Susan ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 710pm

Submitted by G Edwards, Secretary  
 Emailed to all Members of the Board for review  
 Revisions made based on feedback, resubmitted to group 2/2019  
 Correction made 2/11/2019 and approved