

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club

End of Year Meeting – May 2, 2017

The End of Year Meeting was held at Bruno's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. with 33 in attendance.

At 6:50 p.m., after members had ordered their dinner, Norma Lawson, President, welcomed everyone. She urged members to make a sealed bid for the Benjamin Knox "Aggie Mom Quilt" prints because that auction would be closing in ten minutes. The minimum bid was \$100. She recognized the two "brand-spankin' new moms" present. She also introduced Katie Latham, Federation Corresponding Secretary who just moved to Flint and Norma's "imaginary friend", to the group. Beth Noble led us in prayer.

The **minutes** from the meeting held on March 23rd were presented. Our March meeting was a very productive meeting where we voted on the new officers, selected the organizations to which we will give a donation, and extensively updated our bylaws. With no corrections, the minutes "stand approved as distributed".

Susan Hearn, standing in for Kim Collum (running late), gave the **Treasurer's Report**. We had a balance of \$10,090.55 at the end of April. We made \$3,757.60 on the Boutique items and \$981.00 on the Boutique raffle. After expenses of \$2,328.43, we had a net profit of \$2,410.17. The report will be filed for audit.

At 7:00 the sealed bids auction was closed.

Norma noted that tonight is our last meeting of the year and that we had a "great year"! She expressed her appreciation for everyone.

Michelle Schmitt and Cindi Kuchera, along with several other Aggie Moms, gave out 69 Spring **Goody Bag** buckets in College Station yesterday.

Norma recognized the **outgoing Board Members**: Amy Cummins, Kim Collum, Robbi McCarter, Kathy Robertson, Cheryl Gideon, Allison Conlee, Cindi Kuchera, and Michelle Schmitt.

Amy Cummins **installed the new officers** with poetry and candy:

Rebecca Mohr, President: You have responsibility galore / We look to you when our meetings need more / We count on you to guide our steps / Without your delegation we'd all be wrecks / For all this work we thank you more than we can say / For making sure we end up with our well-deserved PAYDAY / There is no doubt on the Aggie Moms you'll make your mark / As our new president you'll hit it out of the park!

Norma Lawson, Vice-President at Large: For you there's an extra special treat / Serving as VPal is an incredible feat / You're surrounded by hard-working people you've come to call friends / They do a fantastic job, they are the means to our ends / You were an awesome past president for sure / But it's all of us working together that will help our club endure / This next year you'll still be busy but you'll thrive / So just relax for a minute, sit back and TAKE 5!

Cherie James, 1st Vice President – Membership: You've heard lots of adages for an association or group / The weakest link determines the strength of a troupe / But I've heard it said that together we can accomplish / More than any of us alone can dream or want or wish / Moms, even dads, grandmas, aunts and friends too / We round them all up, we take everyone, it's true / Because there is strength in numbers, we need to fortify our entity / We know you'll make sure this year that our numbers are GOOD & PLENTY!

Joni Farmer and LeAnn Cargile, 2nd Vice President – Programs: Our programs are a perfect snapshot / Of what our club is all about / Student organizations, old Ags and traditions / Our programs go beyond our expectations / First time moms, may be hard to let go / You'll help us with all we need to know / Having a little bit of A&M right there with us / With the two of you on programs, it was MENTOS to be!

Vanessa Cox, 3rd Vice President – Publicity: You are the liaison between the public and us / We depend on you to advertise us wherever we can or must / Through you we get the much needed online views / To keep us knowing the latest up-to-date news / When or where or what is happening now / How does it affect us, can we be involved somehow? / For taking this position, we want to thank you a bunch / We know for Aggie Moms everywhere, you'll come through in a CRUNCH.

Wendy Milam, 4th Vice President – Projects (Ways and Means): As Ways and Means 4th VP / You get a lot done as we all can clearly see / In September when funds will be desperately sought / You'll organize our fundraising efforts, which hopefully won't be for naught / From garage sale to Butter Braids, silent auctions to Boutique / You'll be there with sign-up sheets and ideas totally unique / But that's why we've never had a negative flash / We know you'll always be there to help us get the cash / It's all for one and one for all -- you see / And like the MUSKETEERS you seem to do the work of three.

Kim Costanza & Tania Willson, 5th VP – Hospitality: Hospitality! What a fun position to hold / You plan it, ask us to come, and it's good as gold / Invitations, good food, events, Aggie decorations / It's an event – no further explanation / We all want to help, so your job will be fun / Sign us up, make your list, and the work will be done / You're the ones who are always up for a party / Doing it Aggie style, maroon and white, what a SMARTIE!

Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary: To be Recording Secretary is truly a tricky job / To be responsible while the rest of us hobnob / We talk and laugh and chatter away / While the secretary must remember all that we say / We count on her to keep track of every detail / So we can recall later what was said without fail / Not to miss a single solitary aspect without waiver / That's why we can count on you to be our LIFESAVER.

Katie Latham, Corresponding Secretary: Keeping a group like ours that is quite diverse / Unified, cohesive and working in the same universe / Requires the help of someone who can tie us all together / Keeping us connected in all types of weather / Spreading the word so we'll all be in harmony / Creating our wonderful Aggie Mom SYMPHONY!

Joleen Doke, Treasurer: In you we trust our dollars and cents / And that's why we need your wisdom and good sense / You're good with numbers and that helps too / Whatever financial issue comes up we know you'll get us through / Making our deposits and keeping up with our checkbook

/ Bank fees, interest and check requests – they all need a good look / In addition to all this, you’re always willing to lend a helping hand / And that’s why to us you’re worth more than 100 GRAND.

Shelley McGuire – Parliamentarian / Goody Bags: Goody Bag slash Parliamentarian, what an unusual duo / A long standing tradition for this Aggie Mom Bureau / You keep order at meetings but don’t get to vote / Collecting items for semester treats and finding a cute tote / The students love it whenever you come with the goodies / Stuffing and bringing the finals essentials was one of my favorite duties / Robert’s Rules of Order, don’t worry much about it / We’re an orderly bunch, no doubt about it / It may seem like you’re doing two jobs in one / But TWIX you and me your job is the most fun.

Janelle Betts – Historian: Our history dates back over many a year / And we’ll need someone to keep up with that, I fear / Taking pictures galore and posting them online / You can photo shop where needed, that would be fine / We know you’re the right person to maintain our book / So we can go back many years from now and take a look / Thanks for stepping up to wear this hat / It will be a WHOPPER of a year, we’re sure of that!

Members visited and enjoyed their dinner. Christy Good also made us a fabulous maroon and white cake.

After dinner, Norma introduced the **fundraiser chairs**: Kenya Johnson, Christy Good, Jan Carter, Lou Ann Viergever and Joni Farmer.

Rebecca Mohr, new President, told us that we have an exciting year ahead. She said there will be “something for everyone to do, a way for everyone to plug in”. She announced the A&M Yell Leaders will be coming to the **Howdy Dinner!** The dinner will be July 30th, which is a bit earlier than normal.

The combined board meeting for the outgoing and incoming officers will be May 18th.

Rebecca noted that we can’t have an Aggie Mom club without Aggie students! She asked members to turn in the names and addresses on any new Aggies.

Norma announced the winners of the **sealed bid auction** for the two Benjamin Knox prints: Wendy Milam and Kevin Maloney.

Kim Collum presented Norma with the framed Benjamin Knox “Aggie Mom Quilt” print from the January Silent Auction that the officers purchased for “El Presidente”.

Wendy Milam and Christy Good held **door prize drawings**. Three gifts were given out.

Kim Collum made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Rebecca Mohr seconded the motion, and it carried with a “Gig ‘Em”.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)