

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club

CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 7, 2017

The Christmas Dinner was held at Coyote Sam's Bar and Grille at 6:30 p.m. with 32 in attendance.

Rebecca Mohr, President, welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone that they could still buy **raffle tickets** for the T-shirt Quilt and Lap Quilt that will be given away tonight. The quilts were on display. The **Membership Directories** were available at the meeting. Thanks to Wendy Milam for getting them printed. A mini-Boutique of Christmas ornaments, potato bags and bowl cozies were for sale.

The **minutes** from the general meeting held on October 19th had previously been emailed to the membership. With no corrections, they "stand approved as distributed".

Shelley McGuire said the Aggies loved the **Goody Bags** that were picked up on Monday. The bubble machines were a big hit along with the cookies, fruit and other goodies. She thanked the big group that helped stuff the bags on Sunday. Leftover pillowcases were for sale tonight for \$10 each.

We have had a great start to our **fundraising** this year. We made \$192.88 from our Grub Burger night on November 16th. We also made \$119 at the Whitehouse Christmas in the Park last Saturday. We sold eight Century Tree seedlings which added \$160 to our funds. The raffle buckets were overflowing tonight with lots of tickets sold.

Joleen Doke, Treasurer, encouraged members to take some of the envelopes and get them filled for our **Envelope Fundraiser**. "Everyone needs to take at least three envelopes, and one of those needs to be over \$50." We have collected \$700 so far, so we are running a little behind on this fundraiser.

Wendy Milam, Ways and Means, asked everyone to remember that we are collecting **gift cards** or cash donations for the **raffle at Family Weekend**. We are looking for gift cards either for restaurants or for stores where they can buy apartment items. She encouraged members to give us the free gift card that you might get when you are buying gift cards for Christmas gifts. We would like to collect these by the February meeting.

Rebecca made these announcements about upcoming meetings and events:

- The **Family Dinner** will be held Tuesday, January 16th. We will be honoring the **2017 graduates**.
- Our **February meeting** will feature a police officer who will teach us self-defense.
- The **Singing Cadets** will be at Marvin Methodist Church on January 8th. Mary Gammell is in charge of finding host homes if you would be interested in housing some (they come in pairs).
- There will be more information coming soon about our **silent auction**.

Norma Lawson, Vice-President-at-Large, announced that the **scholarship applications** are available tonight. The deadline is February 1st with no exceptions (handed in or postmarked). Emails and copies are not acceptable. They require a 250-word essay.

Rebecca gave Norma (last year's President) a scrapbook of last year events that included notes from several members. She also thanked this year's officers for all their hard work this fall.

Members held an **Aggie ornament exchange**. Kim Costanza, Hospitality, read a "left / right" edited version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" as members passed wrapped ornaments left and right around the circle.

Rebecca and Cherie James, Membership, held **Door Prize Drawings**. Three gifts were given out.

Joni Farmer said a blessing and members enjoyed their dinner.

After dinner, the **Raffle Drawing** was held. Rebecca drew Christy Good's name to win the Lap Quilt. Christy Good drew Kim Costanza's name to win the T-Shirt Quilt.

The dinner was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary.)