

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting – February 15, 2018

The General Meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 25 in attendance.

Rebecca Mohr, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. She welcomed everyone, noting that she was glad we did not have to cancel this meeting due to weather.

The December Christmas Dinner minutes had previously been emailed to the group. With no corrections, they “stand approved as distributed”.

Joleen Doke presented the Treasurer's Report. We have more than \$9,100 in the bank before paying for the Goody Bags. We should have about \$7,100 available for scholarships, but we need to finish out our fundraisers. We have 30 scholarship applications, and the essays say they are great kids.

Rebecca announced that the Scholarship Dinner and Silent Auction will be coming up on Tuesday, March 27th at Hollytree. Louie Gohmert will be our speaker. There is a ticket price, so come if you can.

Everyone is welcome! We have some fabulous auction items donated so far, but we are still looking for more donations. Joni Farmer asked donors to send in an auction item donor form.

Jan Carter reported that the date for the Garage Sale still depends on the weather since some of the items have to be placed outside. We are targeting early March. The last day to get items to Jan is this Sunday, February 18th since she needs time to prepare the items. Volunteers are needed to help put the stuff outside the day before the sale. Friday will also be an early shop day for members.

Wendy Milam and Christy Good displayed the gift cards we currently have for the raffle during Family Weekend April 13 – 15. We still need more gift cards! Our goal is to have about \$600 worth on each of two trees. We have the potential to earn over \$1000 on this fundraiser. Members can also donate cash to purchase gift cards.

Wendy also displayed the remaining envelopes for the Envelope Fundraiser. This could be our most profitable fundraiser since we will make over \$5000 if we can get all of the envelopes filled. The display will be setup at the Scholarship Dinner.

Rebecca asked members to consider being an officer for the club next year.

Norma Lawson, Vice-President, went through the bylaw amendments that had previously been emailed to the members. Several of these changes are required by the Federation, others are recommended by the Federation, and others continue to clarify our processes.

- Amendments 1 and 2 add “female” to Active and Associate Member descriptions.
- Amendment 3 adds “significant” requirement to nomination as a Life Member, adds clause that Life Members do not pay dues, and adds method of nominating and adopting a Life Member.
- Amendment 4 adds method of nominating and adopting an Honorary Member. (Mrs. Childs was our first Honorary Member, and there are more in the works.)
- Amendment 5 adds that Life Members do not pay dues to the club, but that the club must still pay dues to the Federation for the Life Members.
- Amendment 6 clarifies that if two co-chairs serve on the board for one position, only one vote is allowed between them.

- Amendment 7 adds the non-discriminatory clause for scholarship applicants and the names of the branches of A&M whose students are eligible for our scholarships.

Joleen Doke made a motion to amend the bylaws with these changes. Renee Wright seconded the motion, and it carried with “Reveille”.

Kim Costanza requested that members sign up to bring snacks to the April meeting.

Joni Farmer and LeAnn Cargile introduced Master Officer D. Donovan-Murph and Master Officer Kristi Hosea '87, Crime Prevention Specialists with the Texas A&M Police Department. The officers gave an overview of the police department. They also discussed personal safety (be aware of your surroundings, listen to your instincts) and gave a demonstration of various self-defense techniques.

Following the program, Tracye Martin (standing in for Cherie James) awarded three door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary.)