

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting – April 19, 2018

The General Meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 17 in attendance.

Rebecca Mohr, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She welcomed everyone with a Howdy and noted that she was thankful for a successful year.

The February General Meeting minutes and the March Scholarship 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 \$15,827 in the bank. Adding the Family Weekend Raffle ticket sales of \$1,168, \$60 from additional Century Tree sales, four more envelope donations and the yet-to-be-held Garage Sale proceeds, and subtracting \$1,000 for Goody Bags, some expenses and \$1,000 for the carryover money to start next year, we should have more than \$15,000 available for scholarships.

Joleen encouraged members to get their orders in for the Goody Bags since there are only eight left. This semester's Goody Bag is an Aggie beach towel that will come with a beach ball, beach stake and various snacks. Delivery will be April 30th. The stuffing party to put the bags together will be next week.

Kim Park won our gift card raffle at Family Weekend.

Rebecca reported that the Garage Sale has been postponed once again due to weather. Jan Carter's barn is stuffed full, so we will need lots of help on the day before the sale to move items outside. That Friday will also be an early shop day for members.

Rebecca presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for next year. The Nominating Committee was composed of Diane Knowles, Lou Ann Viergever and Rebecca.

President – Katie Latham Vice-President at Large – Rebecca Mohr Recording Secretary – Jessica Knowles Corresponding Secretary – (no nominee) – filled by Deana Attaway (see below) Treasurer – Kim Park 1st Vice President – Membership – Tracye Martin 2nd Vice President – Programs – (no nominee) 3rd Vice President – Publicity – (no nominee) – filled by Norma Lawson (see below) 4th Vice President – Projects – Angela Moss 5th Vice President – Hospitality – Martha Jane Wallace Parliamentarian / Goody Bags – Renee Wright Historian – Janelle Betts

Rebecca read a short biography of each nominee. She asked for nominations from the floor, explaining the functions of the offices that have no nominee. Norma Lawson volunteered to handle the publicity function during the meeting. (Norma is currently serving as the Vice-President-at-Large and has done the publicity this year along with Rebecca after Vanessa Cox had to resign.) There were no other nominations from the floor. Christy Adams made a motion to elect these officers. Diane Knowles seconded the motion, and it carried with a “Gig ‘Em”. Rebecca said that she and Katie would work on the programs for next year.

(Post-meeting Note: Deana Attaway volunteered to serve as the Corresponding Secretary after Rebecca mailed out the officer list to the membership on April 20th.)

Rebecca led a discussion of which six organizations should get a \$50 donation from our club.

- She read an email from BUILD, which was thanking us for our donation last year and updating us on their work this year. BUILD constructs medical clinics inside large metal shipping containers and sends them all over the world.
- We also got an email from the Federation of Aggie Mom Clubs. The Federation is asking for donations for the endowed fund for the Libraries at A&M. The endowment fund was established with a goal of \$500,000 and currently has \$432,328. The interest from the fund is used by the Libraries for Equipment, Services, Furniture, Textbook Collection, and Outreach (Open House, etc.). The interest from that endowment also contributes \$10,000 per year to purchase textbooks for the Libraries' Textbook Collection that are housed in Evans Library. This enables students to go to the Libraries to use some of the textbooks for limited periods. E-books are also purchased out of this endowment and are used by not only students on the College Station campus, but also students at Galveston, McAllen and Qatar. The Federation wants \$627 from each of the 108 Aggie Mom clubs in order to reach their goal, but we do not have the funds to send them that much without taking money from our scholarships. This donation will be given in memory of Barbara Bush.
- Members present mentioned CARPOOL (Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives), which gives rides to students who need them; Ratio Christi, a discussion group advocating reasons and evidences for the Christian faith; and aggieTEACH, which supports students majoring in Education as well as teachers for up to five years after they graduate.
- One member sent a text requesting a donation for the Aggie Anglers since two of our members have sons in the group.

With no other nominations for other organizations, Wendy Milam made a motion to support these six organizations with a donation of \$50 each. Norma Lawson seconded the motion, and it carried with "Show Me the Money".

The business part of the meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Joni Farmer introduced Lana Hood, science and physics teacher at Whitehouse High School, who also formerly worked for Tyler Independent School District. Lana taught the group to play 42 (the domino game).

At the end of the evening, three door prizes were awarded.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary.)