

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club
General Meeting – January 17, 2019

The meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 24 in attendance.

Katie Latham, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. She welcomed everyone with a “Howdy” and thanked everyone for coming. She reminded everyone to tell a friend about our meetings and to bring a friend. She invited all to enjoy the “green, healthy refreshments” that go along with our gardening theme tonight.

Katie shared with the club the loss of two former Aggie Mom Presidents this week. Norma Lawson, President 2016-2017, passed away on January 12th. In lieu of flowers, Norma asked for donations to our scholarship fund. \$100 has already been received in the mail. Gayle Tunnell, President 1989-1990 and 1991-1992, passed away on January 14th. Katie thanked Deana Attaway, Corresponding Secretary, for providing sympathy cards and invited everyone to sign them. Katie noted that “their legacy lives on” and that they were having “an Aggie Mom reunion in Heaven”.

Rebecca Mohr, Vice-President-at-Large, introduced **Joseph Johnson '88**, Program Manager for The Gardens at Texas A&M. Mr. Johnson gave an informative program about The Gardens along with showing pictures and videos. Phase 1, the Leach Teaching Garden, is seven acres. Construction began in June 2016 and opened June 2018. An additional twenty acres have been planned. Part of the area is the Howdy Farm where students plant and grow vegetables, harvest them, and sell them at the farmer’s market in Bryan. The funds raised are used to replant. Mr. Johnson was given a Pointillism as a thank-you gift.

The **minutes** from the last meeting held on November 15th and the Christmas Dinner held on December 6th were available. With no corrections, Tracye Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sheila Parker.

Katie gave the **Treasurer’s Report**. We have \$10,058.71 in our account at the end of December. We have received several donations and will have some expenses for the February 70th Birthday Celebration.

Paula Kimmey has our **logo decals** for sale at \$5 each. These feature our founding year of 1949. She is also taking reservations for the February 70th Birthday Celebration with payment of \$12 per person.

Katie announced that the Aggie Wranglers are coming to our **70th Birthday Celebration** on February 16th at the TASCA Event Center in Whitehouse! Renee Wright, Celebration Committee Chair, noted that reservations are \$12 if paid in advance, and will be \$20 at the door. We have some exciting live auction items: Jimbo Fisher autographed football, Destin condo rental, day of sailing on Lake Tyler, and Kendra Scott jewelry. We are still taking silent auction item donations. We are also still looking for other sponsors. The meal will be Rudy’s Barbecue and Nothing Bundt cakes. There will be a live band for dancing.

Katie thanked the members who brought wine donations to the meeting tonight for the **Wine Pull** at the Birthday Celebration. We are still looking for other donations worth at least \$12, and a few more expensive bottles. Interested participants will buy a chance for \$12 and will get a bottle of wine worth at least \$12 back.

Scholarship applications are available tonight. We have received six applications back so far. They are due by February 1st. We gave \$500 scholarships to 29 recipients last year.

Renee Wright, **Goody Bags** coordinator, displayed the duffle bag sample that will be the Goody Bag container for the spring. The maroon color is “too pink”, so the bags will probably be grey with A&M embroidered on them. Order forms were available at the meeting. The deadline date will be sooner than normal in order to get the bags ordered.

Rebecca reminded everyone that we still need items for our **Garage Sale**. We usually earn about \$1000 on this annual fundraiser.

The **March meeting** on Thursday, March 21st will be a service night at the food bank. Aggies participate in the Big Event that Saturday, and we are going to do some service also.

The **Big Event** is asking for a **donation** from the Aggie Mom clubs to their gala where they raise funds in a silent auction. Tracye Martin made a **motion** to donate two leftover Goody Bag items from the fall and a Pointillism. Paula Kimmey seconded the motion.

Katie asked for **volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee**. Interested members should see Katie if they are interested in being an officer next year.

Katie said we also need **volunteers to sell raffle tickets** for our BTHO Quilt during Family Weekend, April 12 – 13, in College Station.

Tracye Martin, Membership, and Joseph Johnson held **Door Prize Drawings**. Three gifts and twelve dormant roses were given out.

Katie adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

(Minutes taken by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)