

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club
General Meeting – October 18, 2018

The meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 31 in attendance. A variety of Aggie Mom Boutique items were for sale for \$12 or less.

Katie Latham, President, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. She welcomed everyone with a “Howdy” and thanked everyone for coming. She led in a prayer.

Rebecca Mohr, Vice-President-at-Large, introduced four members of the **Traditions Council**. Ryan Carlson '21, James Ross '20, Emily Gannon '21, and Cameron Attaway '21 (daughter of Tyler Aggie Mom Deana Attaway) gave an enthusiastic program on the history of A&M traditions including Aggie jargon (“Howdy”, “Gig ‘Em”, “Ol’ Army”, “fish”, “Whoop”, “tea sips”, “12th Man”), wild cats, Midnight Yell, Silver Taps, Bonfire, Bonfire Remembrance, Muster, and Reveille. The Traditions Council was founded in 1975 to promote and preserve Aggie traditions. The students were given personalized nameplates made by Tyler Aggie Mom Joni Farmer as gifts.

Katie reminded everyone to sign in and bring a friend to the meetings. Angela Moss, who was our **4th V.P. – Projects**, has had to relinquish her role, so Katie asked for someone to volunteer to coordinate our fundraising.

The first **SPLAHOF** dance was held last Thursday night. We made \$50 in donations for our scholarship fund. SPLAHOF is in honor of former dance halls in College Station / Bryan that are no longer in business: Sparky’s, Lakeview and Texas Hall of Fame. The dances are being held at the 60,000 square-foot Vehicle Reman plant on Highway 31 W (where FedEx used to be). Attendees can dance or play Corn Hole or dominoes in a smoke-free environment. Soft drinks will be available. Admission is free but donations to the Aggie Mom Scholarship Fund will be accepted. Katie asked if anyone was interested in holding a dance on Saturday night since the Aggies do not have a football game this weekend. Most indicated they already had plans, so she said she will send out evites to see when people are available.

The **minutes** from the last meeting held on September 20th had previously been emailed to the membership. Paper copies of an amended set were also available. Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary, summarized the minutes and noted the amendment to the emailed minutes to add that the results from the Aggie Mom survey of likes, dislikes and suggested new things will be shared with the members. Susan Merrell made a **motion** to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Rebecca Mohr. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Katie, standing in for Kim Park, Treasurer, gave the **Treasurer’s Report**. We still have membership dues coming in. The end of September balance is \$2,297.04. Norma Lawson made a **motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Jeri Kazlow.

Paula Kimmey and Christi Nelson, who are coordinating our **Butter Braids** fundraiser, announced that \$8,236 (updated from an earlier \$7,895) in orders were turned in tonight! (**Post-meeting note:** Final total for orders was \$8,557.) Our club’s profit will be 40% of the sales. The orders will be delivered next Thursday, October 25th (changed from November 1st) in the Pollard Gym from 4 – 6 p.m. Members coming to pick up an order need to bring a cooler when you come that night. Becky Womack was the **top seller** with \$664 and Jessica Knowles was second with \$543. Both were given a prize.

Attendees agreed to have a SPLAHOF event as our **November meeting**. The meeting will be held at Vehicle Reman on Highway 31W. Katie encouraged members to bring their husbands and friends.

Katie reminded everyone to continue collecting items for our **Garage Sale** which will probably be in February or March. Last year, we made about \$1,000. Smaller items can be left at Jan Carter's house in Whitehouse, or you can bring them to the meetings. Big stuff can be brought now if you contact Jan so that she can meet you at the building where the sale will be held (metal building at the intersection of 110 and 344 in Whitehouse). If you call her, you need to leave a message, and she will call you back since she does not answer the phone if she does not recognize the number. We are very thankful for Jan since she does most of the work to get ready for our sale!

Rebecca has raffle tickets for sale tonight for our **fall dual-prize raffle**. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The T-Shirt Quilt made by Patricia Cussen and the sterling silver Aggie Mom bracelet designed by Jane Metz were on display at the meeting. Patricia has been making these quilts for us for 20 years. The drawing will be held at the Christmas Dinner. Members were encouraged to let others outside the club to know about the raffle so that we can raise as much money as possible for our scholarship fund.

Katie announced that **Grub Burger Bar** is offering Aggie Moms a portion of the proceeds on selected dates from those sales that are identified as being for Aggie Moms. Tuesday seemed to be the best day of the week. Members approved this fundraiser with a "Howdy". Katie will let the members know which Tuesdays, and the offer will be for the entire day. (**Post-meeting Note:** Fundraiser is every Tuesday.)

Katie needs the names of any **December graduates** as soon as possible.

Katie read three wonderful thank-you notes from last year's scholarship recipients.

Volunteers are needed to help Martha Jane Wallace, Hospitality, plan our **Christmas Dinner**. We will meet at a restaurant where you will pay for your own meal. We will have our annual Aggie Christmas Ornament Exchange, so you need to start looking for the perfect Aggie ornament.

Five Aggie Moms shared brags about their Aggies.

Renee Wright is coordinating the **Goody Bags** and has some volunteers to help. Order forms are available tonight for the fall semester, and you can also pre-order your Goody Bag for the spring semester on the form. Fall orders will be accepted until after the November meeting. The Goody bags this fall will be black fleece blankets that will be stuffed with snacks and other goodies (A&M ear bud bag, clip-on water bag). They will be delivered to your Aggie with a hand-written note from you right before finals on December 3rd at the MSC. Pictures during delivery will be sent back to the moms. Renee invited members to help with the distribution.

Katie, Rebecca, and Tracye Martin, Membership, held **Door Prize Drawings**. Three gifts were given out.

Katie adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

(Minutes taken by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)