

## **Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting – September 20, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 31 in attendance.

Katie Latham, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. She welcomed everyone with a "Howdy". She asked all the Aggie Moms present that are also A&M Former Students to give their class year. She summarized the A&M Spirit with the quote "From the outside looking in you can't understand it". She encouraged the new Aggie moms that "lots of good things will happen to your student at A&M". She concluded her opening remarks with a prayer.

The **minutes** from last year's End-of-Year Meeting held on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the Howdy Dinner held on July 26<sup>th</sup> had previously been emailed to the membership. Paper copies were also available. Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary, gave a summary. With no corrections, Renee Wright made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Joni Farmer. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Katie standing in for Kim Park, Treasurer, presented the **budget** for 2018 – 2019. She noted that the budget is conservative on fundraising income. For the year, we hope to have a gross profit of at least \$21,000 and hope to give out at least \$10,000 in scholarships. Norma Lawson made a **motion to adopt the budget**. Renee Wright seconded the motion and the budget was approved.

A new fundraiser this year is **SPLAHOF** dances on most Thursday nights when the Aggie Mom general meeting or board meeting is not held. 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 will be held at the 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.

Paula Kimmey and Christi Nelson are coordinating our **Butter Braids** fundraiser. Our sale will run through October 18<sup>th</sup> (our next meeting), and you need to turn in the money that night. Checks should be made payable to Tyler A&M Mothers' Club. We are also selling cookie dough. The orders will be delivered on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and you need to bring a cooler when you come that night. Christi noted that there are both sweet flavors and a savory flavor. They are good to serve during the holidays, and they make great gifts. Our goal for the fundraiser is "a lot" to top last year, when we did very well. All the flavors of Butter Braids were available for attendees to sample.

Katie announced our upcoming **programs**. The Traditions Council will be speaking at the October meeting. In November we will have a craft night. In December we will have our Aggie Ornament exchange at our Christmas Dinner. In January we will have our Family Dinner. On February 16<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our **70<sup>th</sup> Tyler Aggie Mom Club birthday** with a dinner and auction. We need donations of items for that auction. We are looking for **volunteers** to help with planning for that evening.

Renee Wright is coordinating the **Goody Bags**. 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. They cost \$25. Goody bags are stuffed with snacks and other goodies and delivered to your Aggie with a hand-written note from you right before finals on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Renee invited members to sign up to help with the distribution.

Jan Carter reminded everyone to start cleaning out their closets and collecting items for our **Garage Sale** which will probably be in February or March. She will take smaller items from now until about two weeks before the sale. You can leave items outside her house in Whitehouse, or you can bring them to the meetings. Clothes should be on hangers or folded in a box. Jan sorts and prices the items. The sale will be held at her metal building at the intersection of 110 and 344 in Whitehouse on a Saturday. Big stuff can be brought now if you contact her so that she can meet you at the building.

**Aggie Mom Camp** will be held February 22 – 24 in College Station at The George and Calvary Court hotels. It is similar to Fish Camp where Moms learn about traditions, take tours and have fun!

We be raffling a **T-Shirt Quilt** at the Christmas Dinner. In the spring at the Boutique Raffle held during Family Weekend, we hope to raffle off a **BTHO T-Shirt Quilt**. We need donations of BTHO shirts.

Katie recognized the **new moms** that were present and had them introduce themselves and tell the major of their Aggie. She also had everyone else introduce themselves.

Katie asked everyone to write down on the back of their "Why You're Going to Love Aggieland" handout and turn in what they like about Aggie Moms, what they do not like, and one new thing that might be fun. These suggestions for our meetings and additions to the attractions in Aggieland will be compiled, and we will share the results.

Attendees then played "How Aggie Are You?" Kenya Johnson was the winner with 15 points.

Renee gave attendees miniature bulletin boards that she had made.

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

Katie adjourned the meeting.

(Minutes taken by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary – Thanks to Tracye Martin for her help when I had to leave!)