

**Tyler A&M Mothers' Club**  
**General Meeting – April 18, 2019**

The meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with 16 in attendance.

Katie Latham, President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. She welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone to sign in, get a door prize ticket, tell a friend about our meetings, and to bring a friend. She encouraged everyone to bring a new Fish mom to our last meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need contact information for those new Fish moms. She opened the meeting with a prayer.

Katie thanked those who helped at the raffle table at Family Weekend. It was a “crazy” weekend with fire drills and severe weather. She also thanked Martha Jane Wallace for providing the refreshments.

Katie introduced **Angie Stooksbury Rogers '84**, a Collin County Aggie Mom who is a veterinarian in McKinney and one of the namesakes for Fish Camp this year. Angie introduced us to the **Aggie Recovery Community**. Angie shared how she lost her son Brandon to a heroin overdose in the fall of 2015, which led her to get ARC up and going at A&M by August 2016. ARC is a group that supports students who have a substance use disorder. One in five Aggies meets the criteria for having substance use disorder, which includes alcohol and other drugs. One in three families is affected by substance use. Substance abuse “can affect anybody”. “No family is immune”. The alarming statistics are that in 2015, 36,000 people died in the United States due to substance use. In 2018, 90,000 were lost just due to opioids alone.

However, “**there is hope in recovery**”. If a student stays within the Aggie Recovery Community, they have an “87% chance of staying drug and alcohol free”. They have a place to study that is free of alcohol and drugs. They meet twice per week in support groups, and they have sober social activities. They are “living their recovery out loud”.

Angie was given one of the Goody Bag duffle bags as a thank-you gift. Before she left, Angie helped Tracye Martin, Membership, hold **Door Prize Drawings**. Three gifts were given out.

The **minutes** from the last meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Service Night at the East Texas Food Bank on March 21<sup>st</sup> were emailed to the membership before the meeting. Paper copies were also available. With no corrections, Rebecca Mohr made a **motion** to approve the three sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Renee Wright. They stand approved as distributed.

The minutes reported that the Live Auction at the **Birthday Celebration** brought in \$3,900. In response to a question from Joni Farmer, Rebecca Mohr reported that the Silent Auction brought in \$3,565. There will be \$516 deducted from the total of \$7,465 to pay for the items purchased for the auctions. There will also be a few other expenses that will come out of the proceeds.

Katie gave the **Treasurer's Report**. We have \$18,293.54 in our account at the end of March. We will have 38 scholarship recipients this year. Tracye Martin made a **motion** to approve the report, and the motion was seconded by Kristie Smonko.

Katie read the list of **proposed officers for next year** from the Nominating Committee:

President – Renee Wright  
Vice-President at Large – Katie Latham  
Recording Secretary – Jessica Knowles  
Corresponding Secretary – Karyn Ard

Treasurer – Kim Park  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Membership – Tracye Martin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Programs – Kristie Smonko  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Publicity – Sharon Brown  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Projects – Lubica Pitonakova  
5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Hospitality – Martha Jane Wallace and Deana Attaway  
Parliamentarian / Goody Bags – Cara Hill  
Historian – Margaret Rapp

There were not any nominations from the floor. However, Becky Womack offered her services for the Treasurer position if for some reason Kim either chose not to, or could not, fulfill her position. The officers were **elected** by verbal vote of “Gig ‘em”.

Katie had previously emailed the membership asking for nominations for the six **organizations** to which we will send a \$50 **donation this year**. She did not receive any suggestions by email. Members present at the meeting suggested the Aggie Wranglers (who performed at our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday), the Traditions Council (who spoke at our October meeting), Car Pool, Transfer Camp (which is “Fish” Camp for transfer students), and Aggie Recovery Community (which we heard about tonight). An Aggie Mom present asked if we could send \$100 to ARC, and the majority present agreed (may have been unanimous). The donations were approved by verbal vote of “Whoop” as follows: **\$50 to Aggie Wranglers, \$50 to Traditions Council, \$50 to Car Pool, \$50 to Transfer Camp, and \$100 to Aggie Recovery Community.**

Katie made the following announcements:

- Our **Garage Sale** that was most recently scheduled for this weekend (April 19 – 20) has been postponed again due to mud and weeds at the building where it is held. It has been rescheduled for May 3 – 4.
- The **Boot Scoot for Scholar Dollars** held on March 30<sup>th</sup> was attended by 10 people and brought in \$95 for the scholarship fund. An earlier SPLAHOF dance brought in \$50.
- The **BTHO Quilt raffle** held during Family Weekend raised \$1,221. The quilt was won by our own Melissa Eeds. Rebecca Mohr displayed the quilt and presented it to Melissa.
- \$2,110 has been donated so far to the scholarship fund in memory of **Norma Lawson**. All our scholarships this year will be named in memory of Norma. The REL Interpreters sent chocolates to give to the scholarship recipients since Norma was a renowned chocoholic!
- Rebecca is taking up donations for gift cards for Norma’s son, Zachary, and his fiancée for those who want to contribute. Their wedding is this summer. This is not coming from Aggie Mom funds.
- **Aggie Muster in Smith County** will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> (delayed one day due to the 21<sup>st</sup> being Easter) at the Magnuson Grand Hotel. Tickets are \$12.
- The Stuffing Party for the **Goody Bags** will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at Renee Wright’s house. Thanks to those who brought snacks tonight to put into the bags! Delivery will be April 29<sup>th</sup> in College Station, and moms are encouraged to come help give them out.

Aggie Moms present announced brags about their Aggies. These included rings, graduations, and jobs.

The **May end-of-year meeting** will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Bruno’s Pizza. We will order from the menu and pay individually. Rebecca Mohr will be doing the installation of officers. Everyone was encouraged to bring a new mom to that meeting.

Katie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

(Minutes taken by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)