

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting January 16, 2020

The general meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 21 in attendance. A Mini-Boutique was set up for attendees to shop for Aggie-themed items. Refreshments were available.

At 6:45 p.m., Renee Wright, President, welcomed everyone with a "Howdy". Katie Latham, Vice-President-at-Large, offered a prayer.

Renee cheered the Fall Goody Bags which were "awesome". Cara Hill, Parliamentarian, displayed the blanket that will be the featured item of the **Spring Goody Bags**. She noted that the order forms are available. There is a firm deadline of March 1st when the forms must be in her hands so that the blankets can be ordered. The blanket will be accompanied with muffins, salted caramel bars, popcorn, Rice Krispies treats, etc. These will be \$25. If you want to order only the blanket, the cost is \$21, but the form with "Blanket Only" written on it is still due by March 1st. Delivery will be Monday, April 27th from 8:30 – 2:00 in College Station. Volunteers are needed to fill the bags, bake goodies, and help deliver them.

Karyn Ard, Corresponding Secretary, reminded everyone to send in their news item, Aggie Mom Brags and Prayer Requests for the **newsletter**. Items need to be sent in time for publication around the first of the month. If you are not getting emails or the newsletters from the club, please let her know and provide your contact information in her book.

Rebecca Mohr, Publicity, encouraged members to check the club **Facebook** pages for information. There are two pages, the public Tyler A&M Mothers' Club and the private, for members only, Tyler Aggie Moms page where you can put personal information. She also encouraged members to visit the club website. She is willing to set up an Instagram account if there is interest. Please contact her if you cannot find something.

Becky Womack, Treasurer, gave the **Treasurer's Report**. We have \$7,330 as of December 31st which is a little behind budget. Last year we gave 37 \$500 scholarships. We need to increase our fundraising since we could give only \$200 if we have 37 recipients this year.

Renee noted that the **Scholarship Application** for this year is available. It must be postmarked or in hand by March 1st. You can turn it in at the meetings or message her. It must be accompanied by an unofficial transcript and includes an essay. Applicants need to be fulltime students (at least 12 hours unless graduating semester) at A&M or Blinn. Applicants do not need to be connected to the Aggie Moms, but they must live in the zip codes listed on the application.

Renee reported that the **Scholarship Dinner** that was scheduled for February 29th has been postponed. The board is discussing whether to have a formal dinner or an informal event. The concern is the cost of about \$5,000 that will have to be spent up front. A chili cookoff or a BBQ cookoff or a dessert auction are options. A casino night is another option. We are trying to figure out the most return for the money.

Lubica Pitonakova, VP – Projects, and Lynette Maynard are focusing on **Boutique** and the accompanying raffle that will be held in College Station during Family Weekend April 17 - 18. Luba

asked members to share ideas to sell at the booth. They will be buying bulk items for men, women, boys and girls to “Aggie-fy”. The reservation for the tables and fee of \$75 per table is due February 1st. Katie is the VP of the Federation of Aggie Mom Clubs in charge of Boutique this year.

Tickets for the **BTHO Quilt Raffle** will be available at the March meeting.

Aggie Mom Camp is February 7 – 9th. There is a waiting list.

The Nominating Committee is looking for officers for next year. Please contact Renee if you are interested in serving.

Names of 2019 graduates are needed as soon as possible. Please send those to Renee.

Attendees formed a circle and sang the Aggie War Hymn.

Tracye Martin, VP – Membership, and Renee held **door prize drawings**. Three prizes were given out.

Attendees shared about their Aggies to build bonds and find ways to help each other and our Aggies.

The meeting was concluded at 8:25 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)