

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club

End of Year Meeting – May 2, 2019

The End of Year Meeting was held at Bruno's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. with 18 in attendance. At 6:45 p.m. Katie Latham, President, welcomed everyone. She noted that it has been wonderful year and thanked the members for letting her represent us this year. She **summarized the year** as a year with lots of "firsts" including the first Christmas Parade with the Smith County A&M Club, the first Wine Pull fundraiser, and the first Aggie Mom Big Event (fellowship plus we made money through the Kohl's Volunteer Program). It was a "fast and fun, fabulous" year and everyone made her "feel at home after only one year in Tyler".

Katie thanked this past year's officers:

- Rebecca Mohr wore a lot of hats – Vice President at Large, Programs, Fundraising, and also Publicity after we lost Norma.
- Luba Pitonakova led the Wine Pull at the 70th Birthday Celebration where we made \$645.
- Jessica Knowles took the minutes.
- Janelle Betts took a lot of wonderful pictures.
- Tracye Martin put together the membership directory and gave out a lot of "cool" door prizes.
- Jan Carter does most of the work for our Garage Sale. We still need to have it this year "if Mother Nature will cooperate".
- Renee Wright led the committee that put together the 70th Birthday Celebration where she "set the bar high". She also coordinated our Goody Bags this year.
- Martha Jane Wallace provided wonderful refreshments for the general meetings and the board meetings.
- Deana Attaway put together a "wonderful newsletter every month".
- Kim Park kept all our financial records "in order".

Katie reported that we have **38 scholarship recipients** who will each be receiving \$500. All our scholarships this year are **named after Norma Lawson**. We have been given \$2,110 as memorials for Norma. **Fundraising** this year brought in over \$19,000 with the possibility of more since we have not had the Garage Sale yet or received the \$500 from the Kohl's Volunteer Program. Our Butter Braids sales raised about \$3,400 net profit this year, and we raised over \$7,000 after expenses at the 70th Birthday Celebration auctions.

After attendees placed their dinner orders, Rebecca Mohr, outgoing Vice President at Large, gave her **summary of this year**: "We have had quite a year! We played. We prayed. We cried. We learned some new things about Texas A&M and we have grown to love Aggieland! We raised a whole lot of scholarship money. And we ate! But what I will treasure most was the opportunity to meet so many wonderful new friends and see other friendships develop among you. I can't believe it is already time to bring this year to a close. But we are in great hands for 2020!"

Rebecca **installed the new officers** using a jigsaw puzzle theme. "As I thought over my past few years with Aggie Moms, I discovered a great similarity to a jigsaw puzzle. A jigsaw puzzle doesn't really make sense until ALL the pieces are in their correct spot!" Each officer was given a large puzzle piece decorated with pictures taken this past year at our functions. Rebecca read the responsibilities of each position from the bylaws and asked each officer to accept the responsibilities of her position.

President – Renee Wright – Corner Piece

"Many may think that the President is the very center of the puzzle. But I disagree. When I work a puzzle, I start with the edge pieces. When a new construction project begins, the cornerstone is the first thing laid. As President, you are the cornerstone of our group!"

Vice-President at Large – Katie Latham – Corner Piece

"The Vice-President at Large, also known as VPAL, is elected by default. You will be a great pal to Renee and also a very important corner piece to our group."

1st Vice President – Membership – Tracye Martin – Corner Piece

"Without members, we can't have a viable club! You are also a corner to our puzzle."

4th Vice President – Projects – Lubica Pitonakova – Corner Piece

"As 4th VP for Projects – popularly known as our Fundraising Guru – you are the 4th corner to our puzzle because without fundraising we can't have scholarships which is a vital part of our club!" "Remember you will have helpers for each of your 'committees' so you are not bearing the burden of fundraising alone!"

- Paula Kimmey and Christi Nelson – Butter Braids
- Jan Carter – Garage Sale
- Lynette Maynard – Silent Auction
- "Hint, hint, we are still seeking a Raffle Coordinator!"

Recording Secretary – Jessica Knowles – Edge Piece

"I wish a puzzle had more than 4 corners because" the Recording Secretary "holds the key to our history and is definitely a cornerstone to our group!"

"The remaining Board members are so important and serve as edge pieces of our group."

2nd Vice President – Programs – Kristie Smonko – Edge Piece

The 2nd VP plans the "monthly programs" and ensures "the monthly meeting place is ready".

3rd Vice President – Publicity – Sharon Brown – Edge Piece

"You have volunteered to help us spread the word about our great group! This is a very important position!"

5th Vice President – Hospitality – Martha Jane Wallace (absent) and Deana Attaway – Edge Pieces

"Martha Jane provided us with lovely snacks at each meeting this year and we can't wait to see what the future holds! Deana has agreed to assist Martha Jane this year."

Corresponding Secretary – Karyn Ard – Edge Piece

"Karyn will be our corresponding secretary and provide each of us with an informative and easy to read newsletter each month!"

Treasurer – Kim Park (absent) – Edge Piece

"In addition to being the keeper of the books", she also receives and disburses all of the money, writes the checks, files the state income tax, and prepares the books for audit.

Parliamentarian / Goody Bags – Cara Hill – Edge Piece

"Cara's job as Parliamentarian is two-fold. Not only will she keep us on track per Robert's Rules of Order, but she will also head up the delightful semester-end treats for our Aggies in the form of Goody Bags."

Historian – Margaret Rapp – Edge Piece

"The position of Historian is a fun one! Watch out, Ladies. You never know when and where Margaret Rapp will be there with her camera!" The Historian presents a Tradition Moment at each meeting and prepares a scrapbook for the out-going President.

Rebecca concluded with: "So, for the rest of you, remember! If just one piece of a puzzle is missing, the puzzle isn't complete. We can say the same about a member!" She gave **each member** present an inside puzzle piece. "I hope that now you have heard the different opportunities available as an Aggie Mom, you will consider helping us where you can. **Together, we make a beautiful picture!**"

Rebecca gave Katie a sign for her office made by Aggie Mom Joni Farmer, an ivy with a Howdy sign, and an Aggie-themed word picture. Janelle Betts, this year's Historian, presented Katie with her scrapbook.

Tracye Martin gave out three **door prizes**. (These were given out now since the weather was threatening and attendees may want to eat and run!)

Katie said a prayer, and members enjoyed their dinner followed by desserts from Janie's Cakes.

After dinner, new President Renee Wright shared that she is "super excited to work with the wonderful board that was put together. It's going to be a great year!"

The evening was concluded at 7:45 p.m. (Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)