

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

October 17, 2019

The general meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 25 in attendance. A Mini-Boutique was set up for attendees to shop for Aggie-themed items. Our new Tyler Aggie Mom T-shirts (short and long-sleeved) and the decals featuring our logo were also for sale. The T-Shirt Quilt was on display, and raffle tickets to win either the quilt or an Aggieland Outfitters' \$100 gift certificate were also for sale. Lots of Halloween-themed refreshments were available.

At 6:40 p.m., Katie Latham, Vice-President-at-Large, standing in for Renee Wright, President, who was ill, welcomed everyone with a "Howdy". She asked everyone to pray for Renee and for Henry Lewis, father of Aggie Mom Martha Jane Wallace, and she said an opening prayer. She noted that Tracye Martin, 1st Vice-President – Membership, who has been ill, was in attendance as well as Manuel Bulhoes, Aggie Grandfather and "Muffin Man". Katie recognized Laura Miller as a first-time Aggie Mom attendee.

The **minutes** from the September general meeting were available. Margaret Rapp made a **motion** to approve the minutes. Karyn Ard seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Cara Hill, Parliamentarian, reported that the Fall **Goody Bags** will be an embroidered pillowcase filled with homemade goodies, a large campfire mug, an Aggie Christmas ornament, and other items. Goody Bags are delivered in College Station right before semester final exams. We normally choose Monday as our delivery day, so our delivery will be on Monday, November 25th. Order forms are available for both the Fall and the Spring. The deadline for the Fall is October 28th. Volunteers are needed to help on delivery day.

Christi Nelson and Paula Kimmey have been collecting the orders for the **Butter Braids fundraiser** tonight. Orders will be accepted through tomorrow through both additional paper forms and online orders. They encouraged members to continue to sell. The preliminary sales total so far is \$2,700 online with a total of over \$7,000. Our profit is 40% of the total. Delivery will be the first week of November, and the exact date and time will be emailed.

Luba Pitonakova, 4th Vice-President – Projects, noted that we are looking for great ideas for the **items in the Silent Auction** to be held with the Scholarship Dinner in February. Luba also asked for the names of business owners who might be interested in providing a donation for the auction. The **Tyler Aggie Mom T-shirts** for sale are \$15 for the short-sleeve and \$20 for the long-sleeve.

Deana Attaway, 5th Vice-President – Hospitality, announced that our November meeting on November 21st will be a **"Friendsgiving" dinner**. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to bring crockpots of soup or chili, cornbread, desserts and teas.

Katie noted that we will be decorating pumpkins for **Boutique** at the November meeting. We have a vendor that is interested in selling jewelry at Boutique. We are looking for ideas for other items to sell at Boutique during Family Weekend in College Station.

Paula Kimmey is offering the club 5% of sales through her warehouse and online sales. The business is **3-boutique.com**. If you buy something, please text her so that she will know to give the club the 5%.

Katie introduced four spirited Aggies representing the **Traditions Council**. Unfortunately, Cameron Attaway, daughter of Deana, was ill and could not participate. Traditions Council is a student-run organization that preserves and promotes the traditions of Texas A&M. McKenna, Michael, Kevin and Kiera gave an enthusiastic program on the history of A&M traditions including Aggie jargon (“Howdy”, “Gig ‘Em”, “Ol’ Army”, “fish”, “zips”, “pushing”, “Whoop”, “tea sips”, “12th Man”, “JPs”, “ZPs”), wild cats, Midnight Yell, Silver Taps, Bonfire, Bonfire Remembrance, Muster, the Aggie Ring, and Reveille. They were given goody baskets including muffins from the “Muffin Man” as thank-you gifts.

Katie noted that attendees at Aggie Mom Camp get to take a tour of these places.

Katie informed everyone that the **Destination Aggieland app** provides all kinds of information about campus including parking information, shuttle bus routes, and traffic routes.

Karyn Ard, Corresponding Secretary, reminded everyone to send in their Aggie Mom Brags and Prayer Requests for the **newsletter**.

Katie and Karyn held **door prize drawings**. Three attendees won prizes of muffins from Karyn’s dad, Manuel Bulhoes (aka “The Muffin Man”).

Katie thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting will be November 21st, our “Friendsgiving”. She said she would be making her award-winning chili. She reminded everyone to be watching for the email on the Butter Braid pickup of our orders.

The meeting was concluded at 7:30 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)