

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

September 15, 2022

The general meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 42 in attendance. Samples of Butter Braids and Wooden Spoon cookies (our current fundraiser) were served as refreshments. Thanks to the officers who donated and/or baked the butter braids and cookies!

At 6:40 p.m., Margaret Rapp, President, welcomed everyone. She offered an opening prayer and included special prayers for injured football player Cooper Reid, son of Aggie Mom Susanne Reid.

Margaret introduced Madison Campbell '24 of the **Traditions Council**. The Traditions Council oversees Silver Taps and Bonfire Remembrance. Their mission is to promote and preserve Aggie traditions. Madison gave an enthusiastic program on the history of A&M traditions including Aggie jargon "Howdy" and "Gig 'em", E. King Gill – the original 12th Man, Midnight Yell, Bonfire and the Bonfire Remembrance, Silver Taps, Muster, the Aggie Ring, Sully ("a penny for your thoughts"), and Reveille. (Interesting fact – there were three unofficial mascots named Ranger, Spot, and Tripod between Reveille I and Reveille II.) Madison was given a thank-you gift.

Margaret recognized **Derrith Bondurant** as a new **Honorary Member** of our club and presented her with a framed proclamation. Derrith and her husband, Bob '80, hosted our club for the Howdy Dinner. Derrith "has modeled true Aggie spirit, led by example and unselfishly supported Texas A&M".

The **minutes** from the Tailgate meeting held April 28th, end-of-year meeting held May 10th, and the Howdy Dinner held August 14th were available. Susan LeJeune made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Karyn Ard. With no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

Becky Womack, Treasurer, filed the **Treasurer's Report**. As of August 31st, we had collected \$475 in dues and \$150 in donations. We carried over \$1,923 from last year, and our balance on August 31st was \$2,546.58.

Becky Womack passed out order forms for our **Butter Braids fundraiser** that starts tonight. Forms are due back at the next meeting on October 20th. This year the club's order must be submitted the next day, so there will be no gap time to submit late orders. Butter Braids are delivered frozen, and just need to be thawed and baked. Several flavors of both the Butter Braids and cookies are available. You also can order Butter Braids online. Becky sent the link to sellers from last year. She will send the link to all so that it can be posted to your social media accounts. Becky will let us know when the orders will be delivered. Due to supply chain issues, All Star Fundraising cannot guarantee that we will get them before Thanksgiving this year. The club earns 40% profit, and our goal is to raise as much as possible for scholarships.

Margaret mentioned that our **scholarship requirements** are to be a full-time student and have at least a 2.6 GPA. The applications will be available in the spring, and every student who applies and meets the criteria will get a scholarship. We try to raise as much money as possible each year so that each recipient can get a decent amount, but it will be based on how many applications we receive.

Tracye Martin, Vice-President-at Large, noted that we are currently taking orders for an **Aggie Mom t-shirt** as a fundraiser. The grey t-shirt with an animal print and maroon design with white letters is available in long or short sleeve. The long-sleeve is \$30, and the short-sleeve is \$25. Prices include tax. Orders are being taken until September 30th and must be paid for at time of order.

Orders are being taken for this fall's **Goody Bag**. The small duffel filled with snacks along with an Aggie ornament will be delivered to your Aggies at the MSC on Monday, December 5th as they get ready to study for finals. "Students love them" and "look forward to them". Your Aggie's bag will include a written message from you, and a picture of your Aggie picking up their bag will be sent to you. Volunteers are needed to help hand out the bags in College Station on delivery day. Help will also be needed to stuff the bags, and donations of snacks are accepted. The cost is \$25. This is not a fundraiser for our club. The cost is spent on purchasing the bag and filling it.

Boutique is held each spring during Family Weekend. Aggie Mom Clubs offer a wide variety of items for sale along with raffles. If you have an idea for something that our club can make and sell to make money for our scholarships, please let us know.

Our next meeting will be October 20th. Jennifer Davin, Programs, shared that **next month's speaker** will be **The Apple Gal**, and she will have apples for sale. Jennifer said that Aggie Dads are welcome, and we hope to invite the Smith County A&M Club. If you know of a good speaker, Jennifer still needs to fill a few spots. We will be having another Tailgate in the spring and a game night.

The **Christmas Dinner** will be December 1st at Cantina Laredo. We exchange Aggie-themed ornaments that night, so start looking for an Aggie ornament.

Margaret asked if there were any **Aggie Mom Brags**. There was a research publication published, an engineering student chosen to be on the rocket competition design team, an inaugural tailgate trip this weekend ("come by" and see them), a mom of one of the Yell Leaders, and a mom of one of the A&M football players.

We have both a public and private Aggie Mom **Facebook** page. The private group is limited to just members of our club, and you can make requests there if you need something from College Station or need to send something to your Aggie.

The **Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs** is the group that oversees all of the 110 local clubs. Karyn Ard noted that the Federation has started an Aggie Dads Facebook group – justaggiedads. They also have a tailgate at each football game where donors are providing food and drinks. The Federation has an app (Aggie Moms of TAMU available free in the app stores) where you can get information about the Federation and get member discounts. They also have some football tickets for sale for most games. The link to purchase them is on their website under Calendar & Events / Aggie Mom Tailgates.

Treva Tew, Membership, and Margaret held **door prize** drawings. Three winners received a prize.

Margaret had attendees introduce themselves and share information about their Aggies. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)