

# Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

## October 20, 2022

The general meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 36 in attendance. Thanks to Luba Pitonak, Hospitality, for providing refreshments! The Apple Gal (our speaker) had a variety of caramel apples for sale. A Mini-Boutique was also set up for attendees to shop for Aggie-themed items.

At 6:55 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.

Jennifer Davin, Programs, introduced **The Apple Gal**, Morgan Francis '12, noting that "the Apple Gal is everywhere". Morgan told her story of getting her teaching degree at A&M, teaching for a few years before choosing to stay home with her children, and finding her niche in creating caramel apples. She had some words of advice about her time at Texas A&M: "don't rush out of A&M", "A&M was a precious time", A&M is a "magical place", and "savor and squeeze every memory" of your time at A&M. Morgan was given a cutting board and utensil set as a thank-you gift.

The **minutes** from the September meeting were available. Margaret Rapp 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 September 30<sup>th</sup>, our balance was \$4,323.94. We deposited \$865 in dues, \$35 in donations, and \$780 in T-Shirt sales, plus money from Goody Bag orders. We paid our annual post office box rental.

Becky also announced that from the online sales and the paper orders turned in tonight, we sold 332 items and made \$87 above our goal for our **Butter Braids fundraiser**. She will let us know when delivery will be. (Post-Meeting Note: We sold 337 items for a profit of \$2,117. Delivery was November 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

Chris Vordenbaumen announced that orders are still being taken for this fall's **Goody Bag** with a deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> (or so). The small duffel filled with snacks along with an Aggie ornament made by Luba Pitonak will be delivered to your Aggies at the MSC on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come help give them out. The cost of each bag is \$25. This is not a fundraiser for our club. The cost is spent on purchasing the bag and filling it. There will be a stuffing party to assemble the bags a few days before delivery.

Tickets will soon be available for our **dual-prize raffle** to give away a T-Shirt Quilt and a \$100 gift card to C.C. Creations. The drawing will be at the **Christmas Dinner**, which will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> at Cantina Laredo. We exchange Aggie-themed ornaments that night, so start looking for an Aggie ornament.

Our **November meeting** will be a potluck and social.

In the spring, we will be participating in **Boutique** in College Station during Family Weekend. We will be making some items to sell, and we are "always open to ideas" for items. Money raised goes toward our scholarships.

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.

Margaret asked if there were any **Aggie Mom Brags**. There was an Aggie son getting married in December, an Aggie son getting married in June, a soon-to-be new grandmother, a job offer, and an “A” in physics. There was also a request for an intern in Dallas looking for an apartment.

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

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

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)