

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

February 16, 2023

The general meeting was held in the Pollard United Methodist Church Parlor at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 27 in attendance. Thanks to Luba Pitonak for providing the refreshments!

At 6:40 p.m., Margaret Rapp, President, welcomed everyone and said an opening prayer.

Jennifer Davin, Programs, introduced our speaker, **Chris Wiesinger '04, of Southern Bulb Company**. Chris majored in horticulture at A&M. He collects heirloom perennial bulbs to propagate and sell to his customers. Along the way he has also collected several nicknames: "Flower" during his Corps of Cadet days, "The Bulb Boy," and "The Bulb Hunter" from a New York Times article about him. Chris showed us beautiful pictures of flowers. He had bulbs, other plants, and his book "The Bulb Hunter" for sale.

The **minutes** from the January meeting were available. Treva Tew made a **motion to approve** the minutes. Tracye Martin seconded the motion, and it carried with a "Whoop." With no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

There was not a Treasurer's Report due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Margaret noted our upcoming **fundraisers** to raise money for scholarships:

- We are having an **auction** in April. We need donations of items to auction.
- We are accepting donations for our annual **Garage Sale**.
- We need donations of Aggie T-Shirts for next year's **T-Shirt Quilt** that we will raffle.
- There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to help staff our booth at **Aggie Mom Boutique** during Family Weekend April 14th – 15th.
- Luba Pitonak made some Aggie Mom tumblers which are for sale tonight for \$25 each.

The **scholarship application** is available on our Facebook page.

Chris Vordenbaumen reported that the **Spring Goody Bag** order form is available tonight and online. It will be an insulated cooler filled with snacks. The deadline to order is April 20th. In the fall we sold 85 goody bags. We will need lots of donated snacks since the cooler is more expensive. Delivery will be May 1st in College Station.

Treva Tew, Membership, and "The Bulb Hunter" held door prize drawings. Nine winners received a prize donated by Southern Bulb.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)