

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

March 21, 2024

The general meeting was held in the Pollard United Methodist Church Gym at 6:30 p.m. with 25 in attendance. Club members brought desserts to share, and we had leftover water and sodas from the 75th Anniversary Gala.

At 6:45 p.m., Treva Tew, President, welcomed everyone with a “Howdy”. She noted that we had three moms present whose children have been accepted to A&M.

The **minutes** from the January 21st meeting and the February 17th Anniversary Gala were available. Karyn Ard made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Margaret Rapp. With no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

Becky Womack, Treasurer, filed the **Treasurer's Report**. We had a successful 75th Anniversary Gala: we took in \$12,709, with expenses of \$2,967, for a net profit of \$9,741. Our balance at the end of February was \$13,466. Karyn Ard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Denise Acosta.

Treva noted that we will still have additional income from Boutique and the Garage Sale. Our twenty-four **scholarship applicants** should get a nice scholarship this year.

Susan LeJeune has set up a community **service project** for the club this Saturday, March 23rd, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the **East Texas Food Bank**. This is the same day that Aggies will be participating in the Big Event in College Station, which is the largest university community service project. “Aggie Moms lead the way.” (Post-Meeting Note: Eight of our Aggie Moms worked with members of a Methodist Church in Crockett to pack 36 cases of boxes to feed senior adults for a week, 18 cases of backpack food to feed children over a weekend, and 18 cases of pinto beans repacked into in one-pound bags. We repacked about 1,100 pounds of pinto beans.)

Susan also reminded attendees that **Spring Goody Bags** orders are due by April 18th. There is a limit of ninety available. The clear stadium bag will be stuffed with an A&M cup, card bottle opener, a custom Aggie apple from the Apple Gal, and other snacks. The bags will be delivered on Monday, April 29th, in College Station right before finals. Volunteers are welcome to help hand them out. This is not a fundraiser for the club – all money from the orders is used on the items for the Goody Bag.

Boutique will be held April 12 – 13 during Family Weekend in College Station. This is a sale of “wall-to-wall Aggie-themed stuff” from the Aggie Mom Clubs. We will have a booth where we will sell etched glasses, porch signs, and other items. We need helpers to work our booth in two-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Please let Treva know if you can help.

Karyn Ard, 4th V.P. – Projects, reported that we will have a **Garage Sale** between Family Weekend and Graduation. Jan Carter takes care of everything for us for this sale. All we have to do is take her the items. She prefers clothing folded in boxes. She will accept large items at her barn where the sale will be held. Karyn gave her cell phone so you can call to find out how to get stuff taken to Jan.

There are 112 Aggie Mom Clubs overseen by the Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs. Karyn needs moms to volunteer to serve at the Federation table during the **Parents Socials during the New Student Conferences** and talk to the new Aggie Moms. She noted that these new Aggie Moms are "vulnerable because they have just dropped off their baby at a campus of 75,000 students". She also noted that the Brazos County A&M Mothers' Club will support your Aggie in times of crisis if you can't get there. Karyn will post a link for this service.

A&M Muster will be held April 21st at Willow Brook Country Club. Muster is an Aggie tradition to honor local Aggies who have died in the last year. Muster is celebrated in places around the world. You will need tickets to attend the dinner.

We need donations of old A&M T-Shirts to be used to make the **T-Shirt Quilt** that we raffle in the fall.

Our April meeting will be a **Tailgate cookout**. The date is still to be determined. (Post-Meeting Note: The Tailgate is April 5th.) It will be held at Karyn Ard's house, and we will have fajitas. At that meeting, we will elect the officers for next year. Be on the lookout for the evite.

The **May end-of-year meeting** will be held May 2nd at Roma's Italian Kitchen. We will install the officers that night. We still need a few more people to serve as officers, especially the V.P. of Projects. This person will work with coordinators on fundraisers such as Butter Braids, Boutique, and Raffles.

Each year we give a **donation of \$50 to each of six A&M organizations**. Treva asked attendees to recommend organizations, and the following will get this year's donations:

- Parson's Mounted Calvary
- Pocket Pantry
- Aggie SAT – a student engineering lab
- Young Life
- Aggie Royals
- Navigators

Shawn Bergfeld announced that **Foster**, a collegiate licensing firm that makes and sells Aggie items, is inviting Aggie Moms to a party on April 4th from 5 – 7 p.m. at their office. A&M merchandise will be available at 12% off regular price.

Shelley Mraz, Programs, had the attendees share their contact information, including a picture, with other moms present by grouping people by their Aggie's major and other categories. The first two people who texted Shelley with that information would win a gift card. The gift cards were won by Margaret Rapp and Denise Acosta.

Sue Ellen Moncrief, Membership, and Treva held **door prize** drawings. Three winners received a prize.

The meeting concluded at 8 p.m. and Moms ate desserts and socialized.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)