

Tyler A&M Mothers' Club General Meeting

October 19, 2023

The general meeting was held at Pollard United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 27 in attendance. A Mini-Boutique was set up for attendees to shop for Aggie-themed items.

At 6:40 p.m., Treva Tew, President, welcomed everyone and offered an opening prayer.

The **minutes** from the September 21st meeting were available. Karyn Ard made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Luba Pitonak. With no corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

Becky Womack, Treasurer, filed the **Treasurer's Report**. Our balance as of September 30th was \$2,454. Butter Braid orders were due tonight. Katie Latham made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Karyn Ard.

Susan LeJeune is taking orders for this fall's **Goody Bag**. She had the A&M storage cube organizer on display with the Aggie Christmas ornaments she made to go with the bags. Only 100 are available, and she currently has orders for 29. Order deadline is November 16th. The bags will be delivered to your Aggies at the MSC on Monday, December 4th as they get ready to study for finals. Volunteers are needed in College Station on delivery day if you would like to come help hand out the bags. The cost is \$30. This is not a fundraiser for our club. The money is spent on purchasing the container and filling it.

Other activities coming up for our club:

- Orders for a heather maroon **T-Shirt** are due tonight.
- We are collecting stuff for our **Garage Sale**. Jan Carter, one of our Life Members, runs the sale for us. "She does it all." She accepts items at her house and large items at her barn. She prefers to receive clothing neatly folded in boxes. Contact the club to get her phone number to find out when to take your items to her.
- **Boutique** is held during Family Weekend in College Station, which is April 12th – 14th next year. Aggie Mom Clubs offer a wide variety of items for sale along with raffles – "wall-to-wall Aggie stuff". If you have an idea for something that our club can make and sell to make money for our scholarships, please let us know. We are looking for crafters, and we will need volunteers to run our booth during Boutique. The items available tonight are leftover inventory from previous years.
- We will **raffle** off a T-Shirt Quilt, made by another of our Life Members, Patricia Cussen, in December. We are collecting T-Shirts.
- Our club's **75th Birthday** will be celebrated in February at the Petroleum Club at Lake Tyler. The evening will include a silent auction. Karyn Ard and Bonnie Havens are coordinating this event.
- **Aggie Mom Camp**, offered by the Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs, is February 23rd – 25th. This is a great time to socialize with other Aggie Moms and learn about traditions.
- Our club will be volunteering at the **East Texas Food Bank** in the spring when Aggies volunteer for the Big Event.

Attendees played an **ice-breaker** game answering A&M-related questions.

Attendees feasted on homemade **chili, soup, cornbread**, and associated items provided by the officers. Manuel Bulhoes, aka "**The Muffin Man**", father of Karyn Ard, provided a table full of delicious muffins and other desserts.

Treva asked if there were any **Gig 'Em Brags**. There was a job gained on campus, a new grandbaby coming soon, an internship for next semester, and an acceptance into A&M.

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

Scott Jarvis will be speaking at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

(Minutes by Jessica Knowles, Recording Secretary)