

San Antonio Texas A&M Mothers' Club Board Meeting
2009-2010
Minutes for June 20th meeting
Recording Secretary: Mary M. Murphy

The Saturday June 20th planning meeting was at Barbara Bentley's house and everyone brought their pot luck recipes. Mary Murphy, the recording secretary, was not in town; President Loretta Erhlund emailed her the events of the board meeting.

Overview look into the Fall:

July: Howdy Night is July 17. Joyce Thompson will have a great line up of entertainment and President Loretta will send us all a very detailed list of our jobs for this night and for its preparation.

The board meeting on July 27th is Monday @ 6:30 at Heritage Veterinary Medical Center is very important. There is no executive meeting in August.

August: Plan for the Federation Meeting at College Station – Aug 29 & 29th.

Friday, 6pm dinner, and Saturday 9-11 General Federation Meeting, 11: 30 to 12:45 with Federation Workshops for the officers.

(A double double room is reserved (for 4) at the Marriot Residence Inn @ \$63.00 per night. By the end of June, notify the president if you are coming.) This meeting is a very pleasant experience.

Sept: The General Meeting is September 1st; we will not have a speaker, but we will do a Q&A for the new moms and ourselves. The executive meeting is September 21st at Heritage Veterinary Medical Center on Culebra. We have a FUN new fundraiser where you can invite your family and friends to see the production of EVITA ; it will be a great theater experience at SALT.

Oct: General meeting on October 6th w/ speaker and don't forget the FUN new fundraiser EVITA at San Antonio Little Theater.

Nov: General meeting w/ speaker and a yummy presentation to launch our New Cook Book!

Dec: General meeting, w/ no speaker but neat entertainment and a new presentation of past presidents

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: There will be executive meetings in Oct and Nov (always on Monday) but not in Dec.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION discussed:

First, a thought to consider: We are all volunteers to these positions. We all have lives and work. If you got this email, then YES, you are an executive officer w/ voting rights and are expected to be at both General meetings and executive meetings as much as possible and then some.

As volunteers, here's our motto: Look for ways to be efficient, innovative and a help to each other which will make our tasks easier. Life is easier w/ many hands to help out.

Looking forward: Look for “happy helper” points to ponder and use. Send the president “happy helper” points to improve our club. Send those to Texvet@aol.com or 695-2176.

From President Loretta Ehrlund:

Newsletter: Ginger and I will put one out in August to welcome all the new moms and all the old members. We are NOT old moms. We need a newsletter editor. ...Rack your brains for members ...that would or could do this job. I'd be glad to call anyone...Send me names.... And send Ginger ...any ideas you think should be in that first newsletter by July 15th.

Social: This position is vacant also. I will order Pizza delivery for the General Mtg in Sept. and I think we can make this job easier by using more deliver, take out or pre-prepared foods w/ budget money up front. So that's what I can do, but I'm not doing it after Sept. Send me names of someone to call. I have one mom that wants to help but does not want to buy food or be chairman of the committee.

Special Events: This is a fun position!! And it needs to be filled. This person will also be in charge of the door prizesat General mtgs. Suggestions:

- 1) By tradition, every officer donates two door prize items each year, so get those ready so I don't have to spend time hassling you for them.
- 2) Help me recruit someone for this position!

Recording Secretary: We have a great one! She will also help us out by being the one responsible for thank yous using club stationery to our speakers and to anyone making donations to any and all of our events. This will take a small amount of work off of those committees that really do have a whole lot to do. Be sure she has correct names/ addresses so she can do this job for you.

Publicity: Tara will publicize the things that we do. She's already making contacts w/ media.

- 1) Get your publicity needs organized at least a month before you need them and alert Tara of your needs. Info to the media has to be submitted that far in advance.
- 2) Do you know a contact w/ media? If you do, give Tara that name. Diann's already done this one: her daughter will help !!

Programs: Joyce is diligently working on this and has come up w/ a great Howdy Night line-up and has made contacts for the fall. Joyce is also looking for suggestions of local speakers and ideas for Sweethearts Dinner (Feb); it's not too early to book a good speaker!

Suggestions: don't be shy! Smile, introduce yourself to speakers and say that you are glad they came. That will set a great tone for our Aggie Mom's Club and help us get better speakers.

Directory: Ann is going to get this out in record and USABLE time this year. Help her by:

- 1) supplying her w/ a picture you like of yourself, or
- 2) come to Howdy Night w/ lipstick and hair done and I will have a photographer there that will take candid shots, several, of any of us in maroon polo shirts at no cost to you. Otherwise you can count on one more year w/ that ugly mug shot already in the directory. BTW, I want ALL officers to have pictures this year.
- 3) Buy an ad or give her names of new businesses that might buy ads.
- 4) And last, if you know your address, phone, e-mail is not correct, send that to her now at huddleston@uthscsa.edu

Membership: Cindy is on top of this. This year we will put a ribbon or sticker or something on new member moms name tags. Two ways to make her job easier:

- 1) Get your membership form and money in now!! Mail it to 14307 Cougar Trail,

SATX 78230

- 2) Be sure to smile and say Howdy to new Aggie Moms and thank them for joining even if you don't know what else to say. It's easy, even if you keep on walking to do whatever you were going to. And it affirms the trouble it takes Cindy to identify these ladies for us.

AMEN/Cheers/Chaplain: Annette is up to this task. You can do two things to make it easier for her and the club:

- 1) Send her your kid's name, phone and e-mail if they are willing to be on AMEN.
- 2) Bring her all those cards you bought but decided not to use – sympathy, get well, Thinking of you, encouragement, yada, yada
- 3) Call or e-mail her when you know of a member who could use a card from us to them. And that INCLUDES students. Be sure you have an address for her, this is snail mail after all.(amollere@easydrive.net or 912-8042)

Student Support (formerly CARES): Rosemary reports to us that there will be multiple pick up times this coming year and three pick up stations. “Helper” parents will be assigned when and where and be required to stay for their full duty time. Bags not picked up by our students will be donated to various student campus organizations, which she and I will pick by September.

The kids LOVE homemade goodies and isn't that why we Aggie Moms were formed: to bring a bit of home up to campus to console our students with! She needs bakers that bring stuff. And she still needs donations of other sorts. Get those things in on time AND encourage all the moms sitting at your table to do the same!

Scholarships: Barbara is WAY knowledgeable about this. This year she will make a chart/illustration or something to help us know at all times where our funding is and what our needs are. She will address our members at the Oct meeting to explain more about Scholarships. Help her by supporting some of our fundraising in deed and or money.

Web Master: Ginger is the master of this. Check out the NEW look already up and working.

1. Check out the web site and e-mail her to let her know what you think. Be careful to understand that it's not completely finished yet and she knows that, so give constructive criticism.
2. If your committee should have something up on it, write it up and send it to her
Gcarnes2@satx.rr.com

Ring of Honor: This is a relatively new committee that is just now getting off the ground and it will be running full steam ahead very soon! It's for all graduate moms and past-presidents. They are paid members and part of our club.

They will have four membership roles to keep them anchored to us:

1. Two mandatory general meetings: Past Presidents recognition in Dec and Graduate Moms recognition in May.
2. A fund raiser opportunity for the main club (they do not need separate monies) The fundraiser will be described under Ways & Means. ROH's part in that is to hawk the tickets for it. Mina will preside over this. ROH will help ease the work load of our own Ways & Means.
3. A service project from our club (The service project will be to facilitate and serve the desserts our Aggie Moms usually prepare and donate to the Aggie Club at Aggie Park at their Family Night picnic in May, an annual event that we traditionally participate in for good will and because we use Aggie Park.)

Way & Means: Diann has this well in hand and we are on our way to funding those scholarships needs

that Barbara will keep us informed about.

1. We already grossed \$1,900.00 from the Spirit Poster for this purpose!
2. Diann is putting together a great social/fund raiser for us w/ the San Antonio Little Theater (SALT). This is a great venue. I have been to MANY plays there and they are professional and great. For our purpose, we will buy out the theater to see EVITA and have a private party. The money is made on the ticket sales (which Mina and ROH will facilitate), but you may buy them directly from Diann as soon as she has them. This is meant for us to attend and have fun. Invite your kids, your friends, your mom and dad! It will occur in Oct. Buy tickets and/or find other persons to buy those tickets. You WON'T want to miss this!
3. The Cookbook is back!!! We plan to debut it in grand style at our Nov meeting. Sheryl Stanton and Marian Bownds are facilitating the end to this project. In a little while, all Aggie Moms will receive an e-blast calling for more Recipes. No, we did not lose them if you sent them before. The ladies already have processed about 400 recipes. This is just one last push to try to get it up to 500 before going to print.
4. Other fund raising is being considered and re-considered including a possible Casino Night. But not before Spring. We will keep you posted but right now we are still doing feasibility studies.

SUPPORT AGGIE MOMS :

1. Buy EVITA tickets and have fun and support this committee
2. Plan to buy at least a cookbook for yourself and/or your student.
3. Send in recipes as soon as you get that e-blast if you haven't already and especially if you've found an even better recipe to submit. And bug other Aggie Moms you know to do the same!! That would also encourage them to buy a cookbook.

Treasurer: Kathy is going to streamline this position a lot. Some of the changes will help you account for your expenditures more efficiently as you do your jobs . Sounds complex, but we will make it an easy cookbook for you. We are also looking into maybe changing the bank, so that you could make deposits more easily close to home when you need to. We are forming a budget. It's in the early stages, but we will have something for you to look at by July 27 executive meeting. **This is important:**

1. Patience, we will take a long look before changing anything.
2. Diligence: keep your receipts and ask for re-imburement in a timely fashion, that makes balancing so much easier!!
3. Thanks to all who have given us your budget requests, that will let us start on this project so much better.
4. Get your dues paid. That will also help us w/ start up funds for your committees

This gets us off to a good start, ladies. Thank you for your cooperation. I probably missed something on all of this. Send those oversights to Texvet@aol.com so I can get that fixed.

Respectfully,

Loretta Ehrlund