

**SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS
MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 6, 2009**

President Loretta Ehrlund called the meeting to order. She congratulated all who had participated in Ring Day, and emphasized that it is a big deal, and represents a big accomplishment.

The opening pledge and prayer followed.

Directory - Ann Huddleston asked all members to please confirm directory information. Parent Aggie info can be added, and Ann encouraged ads.

Annette Mollere led the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Joyce introduced LTG Joe Weber, Vice-President for Student Affairs. LTG Weber described his Aggie background, and Aggie family ties. His position covers students' time outside of the classroom. He emphasized that he and his staff are there for the students. There are nearly 900 organizations and 40 programs to demonstrate leadership and complement classwork. He emphasizes going to class and making the grades. "What we do is all about the students". Everything at A&M is student-run. Student affairs intends to be more than just facilitators. They meet with faculty to bridge the gap with students. They encourage faculty to be advisors. He has 22 faculty/staff at his house each month, to assist in the goal of integrating them all together. Students feel that they are "Aggies First".

Challenges include:

- 1) H1N1 - Vaccines will soon be available. Students who believe they have the flu are encouraged to self-isolate, and procedures are being publicized.
- 2) MSC remodel - A campaign is underway to raise \$20 million; \$18 million is coming from the university; \$82 million is coming from student fees, at a rate of \$16 increase per semester.
- 3) Bonfire Memorial - 10th year anniversary will be recognized at Reed Arena. The families will come back, most likely for the last time.
- 4) Residence Life - There are lots of new buildings, but no new dorm since 1989. He thinks the dorms are the worst in the Big 12, and he is in discussion with Dr. Loftin about improving them.
- 5) Student Health - The clinic was built for a student population of 24,000 and is now serving twice that many. He is working on expanding those facilities. He also recommended the clinic physician as a great speaker for Aggie Moms groups.
- 6) Music - The band hall was built in 1974 and his goal is to update/improve the band hall into a state-of-the-art facility.

Questions and Answers followed.

Loretta opened the business portion of the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting are available for review. There was a vote on co-chairs for Social

Chairman. Kay Weber and DaMary Henry were elected.

Loretta had to leave for another meeting, so Kathy Griffith took over.

Treasurer report was read, explained and discussed. A vote was taken, and the proposed budget was approved. No spring fundraiser has been settled on yet.

The drawing was held for the website coupon, and the winner was Linda Kay Hill.

Scholarships - Barb Bentley explained scholarships, and passed out a very helpful handout. This year San Antonio Aggie Moms funded \$12,550 in scholarships.

Ways and Means. Diane described fundraising events, beginning with "Evita", on October 17 at San Pedro Playhouse. She strongly encouraged everyone to buy at least one ticket, and thanked those who had participated in selling tickets.

Kay Weber announced that the next meeting will feature recipes from the cookbook. She asked for volunteers to make dishes to share, and said new moms could obtain a recipe from Sheryl Stanton, and she had print outs of Sheryl's email address for that purpose.

A drawing was held for a donated Evita ticket, and was won by Linda Kelly. Joyce Thompson talked about the Christmas program. It will be a Chinese gift exchange. This is intended to helping everyone get to know each other.

Pat Smith talked about the Aggie Store at Winter in Aggieland. It will be in Rudder Tower at the end of October.

She also asked if anyone else was interested in Aggie Camp. Seven are going, and three more have indicated that they might go.

Aggie shirts are on order through November and Aggie grandparents shirts are now available.

Gold jewelry is discontinued. Some layaway is now available.

Cares - Rosemary Vargas encouraged everyone to buy Evita tickets. Goodie bags will be prepared on December 2, and delivered on December 3. She was also able to coordinate for Galveston delivery of goodie bags. She asked members to bring donations to meetings. Checks/money are acceptable, because she can use that to purchase items for the bags.

Rosemary also announced five students who won \$23 each, as a result of the monthly drawing. The students are: Ashley Feil, Kate Matlock, Cody Weaver, Jeremy Martinze and Jacob Kelly

Kathy reminded everyone to come through the line when they arrive, and buy chances for their student to win.

Joyce announced that the Aggie Wranglers will perform at the Spurs game on November 25

Cheers - Annette Mollere would like names and addresses (not email) of anyone needing encouragement from Aggie Moms club. Also, sign up for AMEN network, if interested.

Send Aggie Brags to Mary Murphy.

Two door prizes were awarded.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez