

**SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 26, 2009**

Loretta Ehrlund opened the meeting by announcing that Federation will meet January 22-23, and she is able to get good room rates at the Marriott for anyone interested in attending. There is a 3 meal plan available for \$75.

Per Federation, the Internal Revenue Service has new regulations which require that any gift to students greater than \$25 must be reported. Treasurer will report this on Form 990.

There is a prospective student event November 7 from 11-2 at Holmes high school. Pat, Diann and Cindy will be going. Loretta is sending 2 students who work for her. Howdy packets are already ready.

Evita was a good event, and was a welcome change from AT&T golf. Also, it was an improvement in ability to socialize, and Diann reported getting lots of compliments. From a financial standpoint it was reasonably successful. Lack of name recognition of "Evita" may have led to less participation. Earnings were about \$5,000, about 1/3 of the way toward a goal of \$15,000 for the year. Following this announcement a recommendation was made for a visual aid of the goal, such as the classic thermometer. This could illustrate progress toward the goal for all to see.

Barb Bentley had a chart to illustrate the scholarships awarded by San Antonio Aggie Moms. Suggestion was made for next endowed award to be designated for a non-high school senior. This will be discussed in more depth in the spring.

Directories should be ready on Nov 2, to be distributed at the meeting on Nov 3. Vel is making corrections. It is being printed at South San.

Board members need to give Monica two things for door prizes.

Rosemary Vargas was not present, but had passed along the information that bags are in, and she will email baking moms. She has not received any donations yet, and is a little concerned.

Great flyers for Evita were done by Marian Ramirez.

Loretta talked about requests from student organizations for money. This is not a new thing. In the past, end of year leftover money was shared among various student organizations. Later, money was given out during the year, as it was requested. Current requests are from Student Leaders of Tomorrow and Aggie Wranglers. Kathy Griffith had identified some savings from liability insurance, and the board voted to pay \$10 each for 16 Aggie Wranglers, who will be attending/performing at the Spurs game just before Thanksgiving.

The cookbook will be shipped Nov 23. There was discussion of dishes to be brought for the Nov meeting. Sheryl had trouble sharing recipes for people to bring because she was unable to open a zip file. Annette volunteered to help and will contact Sheryl about

that.

Kay mentioned having chili and cornbread for the Dec meeting. Some board members felt like it should be used as another opportunity to "sell" the cookbook, and therefore do potluck again.

Eleven have signed up for Fish Camp, including 1 grandma, 1 sister, and 2 repeats.

Pat needs help at the booth Nov 13 & 14, approximately 1:00 - 5:45.

Mary Murphy was not present, but did send in her request that newsletter articles should be submitted by Nov 8. There will not be a January newsletter.

Joyce Thompson was not present, but had passed along the information that the program for December had fallen through, and a substitute is needed. The program was a high school choir, who found out they will be participating in some type of contest at the time of the meeting. Monica and Annette each volunteered to look into a different high school choir, and Pat knows of a Hispanic dance group she can check with. There will be a Chinese gift exchange, and "moving around" activities. Monica needs to verify addresses for Past Presidents. There was discussion of giving them gift certificates, or Pat has 2009 snowballs, or Aggie towels. Pat and Monica will get together to decide.

The question was raised about whether to have a January student event. It will be further considered at the next meeting.

There was discussion of options for the Sweetheart Dinner in February, and this will also be discussed further at a future meeting.

The next topic was newsletter advertising. Other groups want to advertise. If approved would this be free of charge or at a cost? The general consensus was that ads should be purchased. Rules need to be defined, such as ads must be Aggie-related, or from an Aggie parent.

Future fund-raising ideas were briefly discussed. Among the suggestions were a casino bus, shopping bus, % of sales from a restaurant, train ride.

Christmas dinner for the Board was suggested for Nov 29, Dec 6, or Dec 13. Decision was made for Dec 6.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez