

**SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

Members Present: Loretta Ehrlund, Mary Murphy, Joyce Thompson, Barb Bentley, Ann Huddleston, Ginger Carnes, Kay Weber, Mina Marsden, Margaret Rodriguez, Pat Smith, Diann Arispe, Rosemary Vargas, Monica Frederick, Stacy Weaver, Annette Mollere, and Kathy Griffith.

The meeting opened with a discussion about the newsletter; value and cost, and possible need for budget adjustment.

Annette followed with a remembrance of Bonfire victims. She requested student addresses, to expand on her outreach list. She is only receiving about 7 or 8 requests a month and would like to do more. Barb suggested that in addition to personal notes, a note could be included in the care bags.

Stacy gave an enthusiastic review of Aggie Moms' camp. She said the counselors and speakers were wonderful. There were hysterical skits and great singing. She enjoyed it so much, she applied to be a counselor next year. Pat did well selling at camp. Mina and Monica helped.

Federation is having a weekend gathering in January, and information about it is on the website. Friday evening, January 22 opens the sessions with a dinner. Saturday morning is the Federation meeting and the district meeting, hosted by Comal county, is in the afternoon.

Joyce said she still does not have confirmation of a vocal group for the December meeting. Monica, Mina and Annette all offered to assist. Monica will make presentation to Past Presidents at the meeting, before the gift exchange. She plans to make special name tags and corsages.

Kay said many have signed up to bring food for the December meeting, but since we ran out last time, she asked board members who have not already signed up to bring some food.

Diann said that cookbook sales have gone very well, with over 200 already sold. On January 12 there will be a student/mom event at Chili's at Alamo Quarry Market. 10% of sales will come back to Aggie Moms for the scholarship fund. Flyers have been made up, and are the way to be identified as part of the group. It is not limited to Aggies. Anyone can participate by using the flyer. There will be door prizes for students and moms.

The Sweetheart dinner will be combined with the February business meeting. There was discussion about the price of tickets, which will likely be \$10 -\$12. Stacy suggested Smokey Moe's. She has used them before for catering and they have excellent food. There are also plans for a beverage bucket raffle at the February meeting.

Kathy Griffith encouraged support for Ways and Means. She requested that board members fill out paperwork for expenses/reimbursements. She always has the

checkbook available.

Barb Bentley's educational moment was about the South San high school scholarship: the way it came about, and a short summary of recipients for the past six years.

Rosemary has organized Cares, and has instruction sheets for the volunteer moms. Since we will be in the Koldus building this year, there will be less traffic and hopefully less chaos. There will be 265 bags, plus 30 for Galveston.

Loretta had substantial feedback about her talk about her daughter, who left school for several years. She asked the Board if this type of topic should be addressed at the meeting, and if so, when. The Board encouraged addressing student "troubles", and the sooner, the better. Several other Board moms described their own children's difficulties. It was felt that this is fairly common, and that it helps to establish a common bond and support for each other, along with suggestions for help. Not even all issues are necessarily problems, but some moms have learned the hard way that there are tips and programs and resources available that neither we (nor our students) may know about, and it would be a good forum for sharing. Loretta will work on this.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez