

**SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 6, 2009**

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

The meeting opened with good news about attendance at the December meeting - 111 were present, compared to 94 in 2008. There has been a steady trend of 10% higher attendance this year. At the meeting, one mom indicated interest in attending Federation, and another mom volunteered to help with membership.

Diann noted that 289 out of 335 cookbooks have been sold. There was further encouragement to attend the Chili's night, and bring friends and neighbors. Positive feedback about the idea was received at the full membership meeting. Also, remember there will be door prizes.

A subcommittee was formed (Diann, Staci and Kathy) to look into options for a Spring fundraiser. They will report their recommendations by e-mail to us likely after the holidays.

Kathy gave a mid-year treasurer's report. She said that the amount budgeted for scholarships was the usual amount budgeted, but that we are currently \$7,000 behind on fund raising for that account. However, the budget did include optional scholarships.

Credit card transactions cost the club 2.5% of each transaction. There might be another provider that offers a better rate.

She reminded the board members to please submit a complete package of paperwork for payments, reimbursements, etc.

Rosemary reported that goodie bag deliveries went well. More non-member students than members picked up bags. Rosemary gathered information from them to contact their moms and invite them to join.

Loretta asked if Annette could write a thank you note to Past President Cynthia Aguirre for a \$250 donation to the scholarship fund.

There was further discussion about ads for the newsletter. Ginger noted that they must be camera ready.

There was also further discussion about the newsletter, and possible need for a budget adjustment. A sub-committee was formed (Mary and Kathy) to look into that and make recommendations to the board. It may require a board vote to extend further funds for the newsletter as we cannot have a committee spend more than \$50.00 unless expenditures were previously budgeted or are later voted on by the board. Therefore we will await those recommendations from the sub-committee and consider them and take a vote.

One leftover golf certificate sold on Craig's list.

Kay checked into Zio's for the Sweetheart dinner, and found a reasonable price. She can get a cake from Sam's for \$35. The price of tickets may be close to \$15. Pat asked if Zio's price included gratuity. Kay will check with them to clarify. Information about the Sweetheart Dinner will be posted on the website and publicized at the January gathering at Chili's. Tickets must be pre-purchased from Kay. There are also plans for a beverage bucket raffle at the February meeting, and Loretta would like to have a basket at Chili's and sell raffle tickets there, if Chili's will allow it. Donations for the beverage basket are encouraged.

A spring fundraiser idea is a silent auction. It will have to be in conjunction with another activity, so ideas are needed. Benjamin Knox will be great to include in the auction, and he usually donates something. One suggested event was an art show. Musical artists were also mentioned.

Staci suggested another fundraiser - setting up and selling seats to Fiesta parades. Another organization that she is part of made \$8000. She will check on a resource for that, and get back to Diann and Kathy. NIOSA might be another possibility, as well as ushering at the rodeo.

Barbara and Ginger agreed to start on the 2010 poster.

Pat mentioned some concern about loss of revenue due to the discontinuation of some of the James Avery items. She recommended adding to inventory jewelry fashioned after the San Antonio Aggie Moms logo. She had a picture of the proposed piece, and the members really liked it. It might be possible to have pendant, earrings, charms, made like the logo. It is low risk for the club. Two molds are \$150, and the minimum initial purchase is 25 pieces. After that, they may be ordered one at a time.

Ann mentioned that quite a few directories have not been picked up. Ginger will include a reminder in an email blast. Extras can be stored at Aggie Park.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez