

**SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

Members Present: Loretta Ehlund, Mary Murphy, Barb Bentley, Ann Huddleston, Ginger Carnes, Kay Weber, Margaret Rodriguez, Annette Mollere, Cindy Garza, RoseMary Vargas.

The meeting opened with a quick recap of January's events and activities. Chili's was primarily a social event, but in the process raised \$150 for the scholarship fund. The raffle raised \$1000, and cookbooks raised slightly more than expected.

Also, Loretta mentioned that while she was at Federation she found out that CarPool is out of money. If possible in the future, it would be nice for our club to make a donation. Each weekend they rent as many as 30 cars, and have as many as 500 pick-ups on the busiest weekends. Snacks are provided for 60 volunteer students, and cell phones and an office are paid for as well. This costs about \$3,000 per weekend, and is not funded in any way by the university.

The treasurer's report was presented by Loretta. If everything remains on track, all expenses will be met, and approximately \$700 extra will be in the treasury. Barb recommended that \$5100 be funded this year for endowed scholarships, as the total required for this year and next is \$10,200. Fully funding half of the amount now keeps us on track.

A scholarship sub-committee was established, to include Ginger and Annette. They will explore: 1) the possibility of establishing a pass-through scholarship for Galveston students; 2) the possibility of phasing out one current pass-through scholarship; 3) potentially designing a new endowed scholarship for upper classmen; and 4) options regarding the South San scholarship/printing situation.

Ways and Means has several projects in the works:

1. Memorial wreaths for Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. This will be explained and promoted through the newsletter. Also, they will contact Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts about sharing in this project. (as a service project for them).
2. Howdy Shindig. Diann is overseeing the big picture, with various sub-committees working on specific parts of the event. Kay is in charge of serving, Monica decorations, and Staci is arranging for the food and publicity. Joyce is also working on publicity, specifically for a spot on one of the local morning shows. Joyce and Mary are spearheading the silent auction, and they already have a lot, but more is needed. Mary asked the Board to come up with a basket idea, and pick a table at the general meeting to seek help with filling it. Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting - \$25 for non-alcohol tickets, and \$30 for tickets including 2 drinks.

3. Raffle. Flat screen TV has been donated, and the club will raffle it at Parents' Weekend. Tickets will be \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Also a very cute A&M "helmutt" for a desk has been donated, and the committee suggested having it as a second prize.

Lots of promotion is needed for selling as many tickets as possible, both for the Shindig and for the raffle. The committee suggested giving 2 raffle tickets as a prize to the person who sells the most. For the dance, Loretta recommended contacting extra-curricular dance classes at the school districts and Young Aggies, and Annette mentioned the possibility of including an article in church newsletters. For the TV at Reed arena, Barb had the idea to get a DVD of the Aggie Band to play, to draw attention. Right now stats about the TV are not available, so more promotional material can be devised once that information is known.

Nominations committee - motion was made and seconded for the following nominations committee members: Annette Mollere, Peggy Gutz, Julie Eversole, Ginger Carnes and Mina Marsden. Vote was taken and the board approved that committee membership.

Howdy Night planning will begin in the next couple of months. Sunday seems to work best. Annette is coordinating for Aggie Park and some or all of the following: Reveille, yell leaders, student body President. Volunteers for this committee were: Annette Mollere, Kay Weber, Ann Huddleston, Margaret Rodriguez, and Joyce Thompson.

Ginger and Barb are working on the spirit poster.

There was discussion about providing desserts for the Aggie Band when they are in town for the Battle of Flowers parade. Barb became aware of an opportunity apparently offered by the Aggie Club to ride a bus together to the parade. Loretta will find out more about that.

Monica is working on recognition for the moms of grads.

Facebook is now set up, and Ginger is working on a fan page. Ginger will send out eblasts seeking donations for auction items, as well as reminder about Goodie Bags. Goodie bags will be delivered April 29th, following collection and bag stuffing on April 28.

Margaret will not be able to attend the March or April general meetings, and requested a volunteer to fill in for taking minutes.

Pat requested a sub-committee about the Aggie Store. It is getting large, and she would like for the club to provide guidance on the direction it should go in the future. The prototype of the Alamo Aggie mom pendant was presented, and the consensus was that it is very nice. Some wondered if it might be too wide for a

charm bracelet, but others felt that the size is just right.

Margaret asked if the club is bonded. Loretta will check with Kathy to find out.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez