

SAN ANTONIO AGGIE MOMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MAY 21, 2010

Members Present: Loretta Ehrlund, Barb Bentley, Ann Huddleston, Ginger Carnes, Margaret Rodriguez, Annette Mollere, Pat Smith, Kathy Griffith. Two proxy votes were also granted, which allowed for a quorum.

The President opened the meeting with brief re-cap of membership for the year. Although no formal report was presented, the general feeling was that there was an increase in membership and participation over the prior year. There was discussion about incentives for signing up early, particularly for brand new moms, at Howdy Night. Suggestions were koozies or 12th man towels. This segued to further discussion of Howdy Night. Loretta recommended fewer door prizes, in order to shorten the program. Group discussion led to the conclusion that it might be better to simply give prizes to new students, and give moms incentive awards, as described above, for signing up as members. Barb requested that the posters be passed out earlier in the evening, and highlighted more. One student last year noted that the student body President's speech was the same as had been presented at Freshman orientation.

RoseMary provided a report for Student Support. Out of a budget of \$300, \$139.73 remains. She noted that the current locations for passing out the goody bags are not very good - somewhat isolated from the normal flow of student activity. Loretta suggested trying to obtain an alternate spot near Sbisa, and the request was well-received at A&M. No decision has been made. The extended delivery hours did work well. Bags were not sent to Galveston, as no one volunteered to deliver them.

Speaker suggestions for next year: Aggie Health Center Director, and security (they approached our booth at Boutique, and asked to come back - it had been awhile since they have made a presentation in San Antonio).

For hospitality committee, feeding over 100 people per meeting is a big task. Consensus was that this year went well, including pot luck and pizza.

An overall calendar for the year was recommended. Barb has one formatted and will send to Annette. Loretta strongly recommends attending Federation in August. They are very good meetings, with some helpful breakout sessions. Faculty and staff come, and the President of the university makes an appearance as well.

The new Board member who will be handling the newsletter is experienced at that kind of thing. An assistant would be helpful: perhaps splitting duties into organizing/gathering/editing information, and another person to handle mailing duties. Email was suggested as an alternative, but Howdy Night requires snail

mail. Bulk mail is cost effective, based on cost analysis done previously.

Treasurer report: The Aggie Store generated \$20,000 in income (gross). More product is needed, as inventory is depleted. Pat will begin the process of ordering. Due to the growth of this, it was again recommended that getting bonded be explored. Kathy said that our liability insurance may already cover this. Annette will check on that. It was decided that there will be no sub-vendors at future Boutique.

Ways and Means arranged for Evita and Shindig. Other fundraisers during the year included 2 raffles, Chili's, Boutique, and cookbook sales. Several thousand dollars was successfully raised. Hopefully in the future we will have more participation by non-club members, to widen our reach.

Scholarships. There was explanation and discussion of scholarships as they are now, and recommended changes. The topic of establishing a Galveston scholarship was discussed in detail. It was decided not to move forward on that at this time, for multiple reasons:

1. Although Galveston is "part of" the College Station campus, scholarships are awarded separately. This would be inequitable to have only a handful of students compete for a scholarship at Galveston (for example, incoming President Annette Mollere was provided only 3 names of incoming Galveston freshmen from Bexar County), compared to hundreds competing for scholarships at the main campus.
2. Incoming President Annette Mollere contacted each Galveston mom (for all classes) via email, to request a Galveston campus liaison, but had no volunteers.
3. No Galveston moms volunteered to take goody bags to the Galveston campus in the spring.

A motion was made and seconded to modify and pay for scholarships as follow:
Phase out pass-through scholarships: \$3600 is committed to these for next year, no future pass-throughs to be awarded;

Add two, one-time scholarships for upperclassmen (sophomores and up) of \$1200 each;

Pay off \$10,200 due on existing endowed scholarship. This will be one year ahead of schedule.

Pay \$400 for 2 South San scholars. This continues, in conjunction with them printing our Aggie Moms directory.

This was voted on and approved by the Board.

Next, a motion was made and seconded to allocate \$5,000 for a new endowed scholarship. It will be established as a \$25,000 fund. This was voted on and approved by the Board.

A motion was then made and seconded to establish the criteria for the new scholarship as: a) student must be sophomore or higher; b) student must have at

least 2.75 GPR; c) student must be a Bexar county resident; d) student's family income must be greater than \$40,000 AGI, inflation adjusted.

This was voted on and approved by the Board.

The new scholarship will need a name, and the Board prefers naming it for a person. Online discussion can follow on this, to be finalized within a few days.

Annette mentioned that the Prospective Student Center is hosting an event on June 2, and she would like volunteers for Aggie store, membership. Time is 6 p.m.

Web site. Ginger recommended paying the hosting fee annually, rather than have a monthly credit card charge.

Directory. Ann is planning to get an early start with pictures, the cover, and merchandise pictures from the Aggie Store. Ginger suggested using the San Antonio Aggie Moms logo on the cover.

Cards have been sent to the families of the recently deceased Aggie students.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rodriguez