

Wichita County Aggie Moms GENERAL MEETING February 9, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome:** Kathy welcomed all members in attendance and Sandy opened the meeting with prayer. Fourteen members were present at the meeting.

<u>Minutes</u>: Rebecca presented the minutes from the January 2021 General meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written was submitted and seconded. No revisions were requested.

**Treasurer Report**: Renee presented the Treasurer's report. No deposits were made in the last month. The only expenditure in the past month was \$85.50 for the Aggie Mom Federation Dues. Total account balance is \$1,958.02. Terri reported that there was an issue with the check and that Jason's deli has canceled payment on the original check and has issued another check. Terri will pick up the check and deliver it to Renee.

**President Report**: Kathy shared information from the Aggie Mom Federation. She informed members that they could visit the Aggie Mom Federation website and sign up for virtual Aggie Mom University classes if they are interested. She also encouraged members to start considering serving in one of the Wichita County club positions that will be open at the end of this year. Some positions that will be open will be President Elect, Fundraising, Senior Gifts and Scholarships. Descriptions of the club positions are available in the by-laws. Kathy also reported that there will be a District Aggie Mom meeting in Bowie, TX on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-5 pm. She is looking for members who would like to attend the meeting.

**Membership**: Sandy distributed membership booklets to the members that were present at the meeting. She reported that birthday cards are being sent but several have been mailed late.

<u>Programs/Socials</u>: Christina did not have any information to report to the group. Kathy shared that she would like to have a social at the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Winery; however, she is not sure about availability due to COVID restrictions.

**Fundraising:** Terri and Kathy shared with the group what they had learned from their Federation Aggie Mom event on fundraising. The Federation is hosting an online Aggie Mom Boutique. However, Terri and Kathy reported that the federation shared that raffles did not perform well during the virtual boutique in the fall. In addition, in order to participate with selling items during the boutique, we would need to create our own Aggie Mom virtual store. After presenting this information, the group was asked if they agreed to not pursue participation in the virtual Aggie Mom boutique. A motion was made and seconded and the members approved not to participate in the virtual Aggie Mom boutique. There were no objections to this decision.

Terri reported that there will be another restaurant fundraiser at On The Border on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 10PM. Terri clarified with On The Border that the fundraiser will be for dine-in or

take-out. When ordering your food, you will need to let them know you are eating for the fundraiser. Terri also asked members to access the link for the event on the Facebook page to RSVP that you plan to participate.

Terri distributed raffle tickets to members that were present in bags of 25 so they could start selling tickets. The tickets are \$5.00/ticket or \$20.00/5 tickets. There will be 2 drawings one for a Texas A&M quilt and one for a collection of gift cards. Purchasers of the tickets can identify which item they would like their raffle ticket to go towards. The current plan is to draw for the winners of the raffle items on May 20<sup>th</sup> (to coincide with a potential Alumni Silent Auction Event). Terri also requested that members start bringing gift cards (focusing on national chains) to go towards the gift card collection for the raffle. The gift cards are recommended to be in amounts of \$25 or less. If members find businesses that would like to donate gift cards then there is a donation form that can be completed. Terri will make copies of this form and have them available at the next meeting.

**Aggie Bags**: Laura thanked the group for their participation in the Aggie Bag stuffing and distribution during the fall semester. She reported that Finals are scheduled for May3-7<sup>th</sup> and therefore she is targeting sometime between April 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as delivery dates for the bags this semester. She shared that since the University is not sponsoring an Aggie Mom final bags event at the MSC, she has reached out to the University to see if we could use the parking lot of Reed Arena as a drive through distribution site. She has been given a contact person to follow up with about this request and will report to the group next month if this is possible. She is planning to provide the option for purchasing a \$10 gift card for your student to go into the finals bag from either Starbucks, Fuegos or Canes. The sign-up sheet for purchasing the cards will be available at the March meeting.

<u>Senior Gifts:</u> Lisa has a list of students that will be graduating in May and will be following up with members by email.

**Aggie Federation Scholarship:** Kathy provided a follow-up about the Joyce Gregg Memorial Student Aid Fund and the process of changing this fund to a scholarship. She is awaiting paperwork from the Texas A&M Scholarship and Financial Aid department to sign to complete this transition. She is planning to ask the University if these funds can be rolled into our other funds that we are raising for scholarships. The current balance of the fund is \$812.50.

<u>New Business</u>: Kathy shared with the group that we would like to host an Aggie Alumni event to include a silent auction as another fundraising event for our scholarships. We are tentatively planning to have this event in May (possibly May 20<sup>th</sup>). She encouraged members to think about Silent Auction Items. Currently, these are the ideas: Wine basket (using the CC Creations \$100 gift card), Coffee basket, Silver Texas A&M earrings, Signed Aggie Spirit print, Corn hole game

Next meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Kathy thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their input. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Schrass Secretary 2020-2021 2/9/21