



Date: 9/10/24

Location: Julianna's

#### Call to Order at 6:33pm

- Guest Speaker: Jim Welch Medina Co A&M Club President. He spoke about the club and their upcoming events. The club is hosting a skeet shoot and the golf tournament. In addition they are having a watch party at Schattenbol on September 14th for the A&M-Florida game, ALL are welcome to attend.
- Michelle recited the Aggie Mom poem and the members at the meeting all introduced themselves.
- The meeting minutes from May had been sent out on September 8th. The meeting minutes were approved.
- Membership Report:
  - o Total # of members: 26
  - o 14 members were present at the meeting.
  - We met quorum for the meeting
  - Everyone must submit a member application for the 24-25 year. Dues can be paid via cash, check or venmo @MedinaCounty-AggieMoms
- Treasurer Report: Our Treasurer Cindy Holzhaus was not able to be at the meeting due to work commitment. The treasurer report was not available for this meeting.
- Our club received several thank you notes from our scholarship recipients. We received wonderful notes from Mariah Persyn, Ashlyn Persyn, Lexi Tedford, Kelsey Dishman, Kaylee Romano, Victor Schaefer, Hilary Barnett, and Ben Ybarra. In addition we received a thank you note from Roxanne Forrest, Federation President and the Yell Leaders.

#### **Old Business:**

 Our club awarded \$8,000 to incoming Freshman and \$7,000 to current students at A&M





- At our 2nd Annual Aggie Mom 101 was held on August 6th, we had 15 attend.
- The Federation of Aggie Mom's District meeting was held on 9/9 in Boerne. There was a great representation of the Aggie Mom Clubs from our district. The meeting provided a lot of helpful information. Our members are encouraged to go to the district meetings if they are available.

#### **New Business**

- Roxanne Forrest, the Federation President, spoke about her mission this year. She
  is working on creating an endowment for scholarships. It is Investing in Aggies.
  Each meeting our members will have an opportunity to donate to this.
- Michelle spoke about creating a Ring of Honor Mom committee. She will look for a mom to chair this committee.
- Nikki Bitters, our fundraising chair spoke about several opportunities that we will
  have during the year to raise funds.
  - Vacanva is our first fundraiser of the year. When a donation of \$99 is made to our club, Vacanva will do a 90 minute photo session and give a 16x20 mounted print. The photo session is good for 1 year and can be done at any location. There may be a select option to have photos taken at Kyle field for an additional cost. 100% of the donation comes back to our club. The club that obtains the most donations by September 30th will win a party. The photo session can be for family photos, graduation, etc. Does NOT have to be Aggie related.
  - Our club will be selling finals goody bags for both fall and spring semester.
     The ideas for the goody bags so far are a clear drawstring backpack which can be personalized or an umbrella/goody bag with snacks.
    - Fall Date: Monday, Nov 25th, we may move the date to Tuesday 12/3 as many students may not be on campus the week of Thanksgiving.
    - The spring date will be TBD





- Old fashioned Christmas will be in Castroville on 12/6 and 12/7. Our club will be selling items both days. We will be looking for donations of items to sell and help create items to sell. Last year we sold t-shirts, Christmas ornaments and signs.
- Our raffle will be held in January. We will be looking to secure donations by the end of October. Raffle tickets will be distributed at the meeting in November. We would like to see our members sell a minimum of 20 tickets each.

#### Items donated so far:

- Kendra Scott
- 2 night stay at Port Royal in Port A
- A&M XL Round Table
- o Golf Tournament-April 26, 2025.
- Michelle spoke about purchasing 2 raffle tickets for the Aggie ring raffle. If our club won a ring we would then be able to hold our own raffle as a fundraiser for the ring. The raffle is held at the Aggie Mom camp. A motion was made by Roxanne Forrest to purchase 2 raffle tickets for the Aggie ring. Nikki Bitters seconded the motion. The motion passed. Our club will purchase 2 raffle tickets.
- Aggie mom camp is 2/21-2/23. Michelle Calvillo and Nikki Bitters will be camp counselors. The registration starts Wednesday September 25th at 8am. The cost of the camp includes housing, meals and sessions. It is held at the A&M hotel. If you are interested in attending, cost varies whether you have a single, double, triple or quad room. Everyone who shares a room will be in the same camp.

### • Aggie Brags:

Roxanne Forrest shared that Wyatt, her son, class of 2021 has a new baby, Emma Rose. Her son Mason, class of 2023, recently got a new job in Austin.





Lisa Gorman shared that her daughter who graduated with her masters in Athletic training is now working for the Indianapolis Colts. She saw her on TV at one of the recent games..

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm



# AN AGGIE MOM POEM AN AGGIE MOM



An Aggie Mom is a special person. She has to suffer through countless Aggie jokes when she tells her friends where her child is going to college. She has to drive the endless roads to College Station for there is no shortcut. She prays silently when her child leaves to make the long trip to school each time after a visit home. An Aggie Mom has to endure the comment, "That's just like an Aggie," every time her child does something less than perfect, sometimes a lot less than perfect.

But, the Spirit of Aggieland is alive and well in the heart of each Aggie Mom. She cheers the athletic teams even when she knows none of the rules and none of the players. Her heart swells with pride when the scholarly accomplishments of faculty and students are related over the media – even when she has never heard of the individuals or what they have studied.

Sounds of the Aggie War Hymn, Silver Taps, Reveille barking ....... sights of the Bonfire, the Twelfth Man Towels, and the Aggie Senior Ring; all of these make an Aggie Mom proud. But nothing can compete with the pride shining in her eyes as her Aggie crosses the stage with a diploma in hand – and looks up into the crowd searching for Mom's face. Being an Aggie Mom does not end with graduation – because "Once An Aggie Mom, Always An Aggie Mom!"

Composed by Binnie Dierschke Former President, San Angelo Mothers' Club Mother of Patrick Dierschke '91