**Minutes of the Katy/West Houston Aggie Moms Club**

**September 13, 2022, GENERAL Meeting**

At 6:50 p.m. The members were asked to sit at tables according to those labeled with their students’ major and encouraged to share information and questions related to those majors.

At 7:03 p.m. Dawn Champagne introduced Andy Fowler, a Corps of Cadets representative, to answer questions and speak to the membership via Zoom. This was immediately followed by an introduction from Dawn Champagne and a presentation from 2 student representatives from the TAMU Carpool organization.

Following the speakers, the members were introduced to and participated in a time of sharing called SAggie Moms, BrAggie Moms, and Just Aggie Moms. Small bags of Hershey’s Hugs candies were given to those who shared a SAg, Cash in any desired amount was collected for those who shared a BrAg, and the floor and microphone was open to anyone wishing to ask a question or give helpful advice to other moms.

Lisa Selden called the official business meeting to order at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The secretary, Ruth Delaunay, was not present to ask for a vote on the May minutes and it was decided that these would be voted on at the October meeting along with the September minutes and that they would be made available on the KWHAMC website for all members to review.

Dawn announced the speaker for the October meeting would be a representative from Build and that the November meeting would be a “Friendsgiving” theme and that our club would be partnering with The Ballard House to serve the volunteers. A club member indicated that she is employed by The Ballard House and would like to give assistance in the partnership with KWHAMC.

Rachel Gowen announced that our club has 154 paid members currently and asked the membership to come to her after the meeting if they have any questions regarding their membership status or if they are not receiving emails.

Jamee Kainer gave the financial report through the end of July 2022 and explained that copies of our financial statement are available at this meeting for anyone wishing to view them. She also explained that August and September financials would be given at the October meeting. Lisa Selden expressed the board’s desire to be as transparent as possible in regard to the club finances and encouraged members to ask questions.

Lisa thanked Jamie Muellenberg for her hard work on our boutique, encouraged the membership to make purchases before they leave the meeting and that the club t-shirt sales would end today. Lisa also announced that the next fundraiser would be included with an all club social on October 27th in partnership with Kendra Scott where 20% of purchases made on that day between 5-7 p.m. would be donated to this club.

Lisa also explained the Corporate Sponsorship and company matching program. She asked all members to contact a company with Aggie core values by using the letter she has provided at the meeting and that the goal is to obtain as many sponsors as possible by December. She highlighted and thanked Texas Swim Academy for their Whoop! Level donation.

Tina Costley announced the contents of the fall finals care packages and announced that members interested in coming to College Station to join her in distribution should look for a sign-up sheet which will come out in November. She also announced that the deadline to order these care packages is at our next meeting on October 11th.

Becky Miller gave an explanation of Get Gigged and encouraged members to purchase these for upcoming tailgates, birthdays or ring days.

Lori Ferrari clarified what Ring Crests are and further explained that all members in good standing who have a student graduating will be presented with a Ring Crest, free of charge at either the December or May meetings and that if you have a student graduating in December, you must let Lori know by November 8th so that we can get that ordered in a timely manner. Lori also explained that there is some old inventory from the years 2004, 2012 and 2013 which she can sell at cost if anyone is interested.

Lisa thanked everyone who brought food to the meeting and announced on Kristy Dorsett’s behalf that more food contributions are needed for future meetings and to use the sign up genius to volunteer to do that.

Lorien Martinez announced that she oversees FaceBook, Instagram and the website and that the website is an excellent resource for any information about the club. She also explained that the monthly newsletter created by Amber Kenney is another best resource for all club information.

Jennifer Shortt announced the first all club social of this year called Glass & Glitz would be a combination of social and fundraising at LaCenterra on October 27th and to save the date. From 5-7 p.m. shopping at Kendra Scott and from 6-8 p.m. at Postino’s to enjoy the specials and fellowship.

Alicia Rehfeld announced that all freshman moms are welcome to their first social on Friday, September 16th from 11-1 at CAVA in LaCenterra. She also explained that more socials will be coming at different times and on different days of the week to allow for those with various schedules to attend when possible. She also encouraged all moms of freshman to join the GroupMe app for Fish Link to get the latest and most up to date information.

Lisa introduced Carrie Bardwell as the chairperson for Katy Corps Moms and encouraged all moms with a student in the Corps of Cadets to go and visit with her before they leave and to be sure to join the GroupMe App just for Katy Corps Moms. Carrie announced that a social event for this group would be coming soon.

Lisa made a few general announcements:

* Lisa introduced Luanne Humphrey as the chairperson for Ring of Honor Moms and that at the next club meeting a vote would likely be taken to change the term “Sustainer” member to a Ring Of Honor member and that this would be just for moms whose last Aggie has graduated. Lisa encouraged those who need a Spanish translation of anything that we send out OR if you have other bi-lingual skills and can be a resource to the club for translation to please contact Debra Stovall or Lisa Selden so that we can get those members connected.
* Lisa announced the Federation of Aggie Moms Clubs has a tailgate at all home games, explained the location of that tailgate and encouraged all to attend. She also announced that there is an Aggie Mom section that you can purchase tickets for to sit with other aggie moms at home football games and that the link is posted in the newsletter.
* Lisa also announced that a Directory is in the works and should be available by the next general meeting. The directory will be digital, free and will be updated in real time and made available only to paid members.
* Lastly, Lisa explained briefly that this club contributes yearly to the Endowment Opportunities Scholarship given by the Federation and that contribution reached the $30,000 mark and was awarded to Angeles Michelle Villatoro, a first-generation college student and pre-nursing major in Public Health. Lisa also read the thank you note from that student and reiterated the importance of fundraising for these scholarships.

Lisa announced that the next general meeting would be on October 11th and Debra Stovall officiated the door prizes drawing of 2 centerpieces from Round Top Gallery, a tailgate/game day bag with cups, playing cards and a koozie and a set of apron, oven mitts and wine tumbler.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.