RRAAMC General Meeting

1/26/15

Welcome - given by Sherri Buscha

Speaker - Beth Albee introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Joel McGee, Director of Assessment & Instructional Programs for the Academic Success Center (ASC) at Texas A&M. Mr. McGee presented a good overview of the ASC and told us some of the ways they help students be successful, including academic coaching, Supplemental Instruction (SI) classes, tutors, and Commit to Success workshops. He encouraged us and/or our students to email him at jmcgee@tamu.edu if we have any questions or would like more information.

Updates -

Minutes - Beth Perry presented the minutes from the November meeting. No one had any questions or discussion. Anne Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes, and Annette Tasker seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report - Amy Bradfield reviewed the financial statement. There was a beginning balance of $10,887.39 and ending balance of $8,395.85. Income for the period was from Ag Bag sales, meeting merchandise sales and new member dues, which enabled us to award 6 $100 student recognition awards. Expenses included purchase orders for poinsettias, graduate portfolios, merchandise for the Boutique, room deposit, tailgate expenses and Ag Bag goodies. We had 11 new members, so we now have a total of 123 members. Amy paid sales taxes of $633.05. There were no questions so the financial statement will be filed for audit.

Anniversary Dinner - The Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Brushy Creek Community Center. Tickets are on sale now for $20 each. If you aren’t able to buy tickets tonight, let us know how many you think will come. If you want to help, let Beth or Sherri know. They will be setting up Volunteer Spot soon. All family members, friends and neighbors are welcome. The Silent Auction is our one big fundraiser for scholarships for incoming freshman. Mickey Banigan is chairing the committee and needs more help to write thank you notes, find donations, pick-up donations, etc. We have a donation from Mel’s Bowling in Georgetown that we need someone to pick up. Mary Vaughn volunteered to pick it up. We have hard copies of a donation letter at the back of the room that you can copy and pass out to restaurants or other businesses in the area or College Station. We will have themed baskets this year, including but not limited to coffee, garden, golf, ice cream, kitchen, spa, relaxation, Italian/pasta, etc. Debbie Mitchell created separate spreadsheets for each theme with a list of suggested items you can sign up to bring. The spreadsheets are on the tables in the back so please sign up to bring items. Bring donations to the February meeting and we will put together the baskets. Gift cards are welcome as well as lottery tickets for the Lotto Tree.

Scholarships - Aimee DeRiggi couldn’t make it tonight but reports that she plans to distribute scholarship applications to area schools, including 2 private schools, and needs a committee to score the applications received. Andrea Guerra, Anne Scott, Jerrine Grey, Charlotte Pickens and Leigh James volunteered to help.

Ag Bags - Anne Barnett informed the moms that we will be offering maroon A&M mesh laundry bags filled with goodies for $25 for this Spring. Empty laundry bags can be purchased for $11. We will deliver the bags to A&M students on Weds, April 29, and will stuff them the night before, 4/28. Orders will be taken through the March meeting and by mail until late April.

Poinsettia fundraiser - Sherri thanked everyone who bought and/or sold poinsettias this year. She also explained how the vendor had called her on the day of delivery to tell us they had no maroon poinsettias, which was 2/3 of our order, and substituted pink ones. Therefore, we will probably not sell poinsettias next year.

Boutique - We are buying merchandise and will need help on Friday and Saturday 4/17-18 staffing the booth and raffle tables, especially on Friday.

Membership - we had one new member tonight. Kim is emailing people with questions to finalize the roster.

By-laws change - Sherri presented a suggestion to change the month for our annual meeting from March to April (in 2 places). We will vote on the changes next meeting, February 23.

Tax-free days will be 3/7/15 (Silent Auction) and 4/17/15 (Friday of the Boutique).

Door Prizes - Ann Scott read thank you letters from students who had won fun bucks and a $100 scholarship from a Ross Volunteer. One student also wrote to thank us for the tailgate and Ag Bags. Students who won fun bucks this week were: Katie Frock, Joseph Barnett, Nathan Muguerza, Justin Busby, Emily Tasker and Harrison McNeil. Moms who won door prizes were Mary Vaughn and Dana Hadaway.

Ag Brags/Birthdays - Ag Brags were expressed and Moms with birthdays in December and January were recognized. Students were sent birthday cards.

Announcements - Buy Ag Bags, Anniversary Dinner tickets, Silent Auction sign-ups. Beth will scan in the spreadsheets and email to Mickey.