RRAAMC General Meeting Minutes

3/23/15

Welcome: given by Sherri Buscha, Co-President

Guest Speaker: Beth Albee introduced our guest speaker, Paul Pausky, Assistant Director of the A&M Academic Affairs Career Center and a former Aggie. Mr. Pausky gave us the presentation he normally gives to students who come to the Career Center. His goal is to super-charge their career rather than help them job search. He stressed the importance of figuring out where the industry is going, networking, time management, and focusing on how students’ work/volunteer experiences can translate into meeting employers’ needs. His contact information is ppausky78@tamu.edu, 979-862-4119, [aggienetwork.com/careers](http://aggienetwork.com/careers).

Updates -

Minutes - Beth Perry presented the minutes from our February meeting. Liz Gras made a motion to approve the minutes and Leigh James seconded the motion. The members voted to approve the minutes, and they will be filed for audit.

Treasurer’s Report - Amy Bradfield reported that we had a beginning balance of $7,208.56 on 3/3/15 and $8,200.25 as of 3/23/15. Expenses included a donation to the RRHS Band Booster Club on behalf of the RRHS Jazz Band, who entertained us at the Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction. (Thanks to Anne Barnett for making the arrangements; the band did a fabulous job!) Other expenses included handprinted wooden signs and other Aggie merchandise that we will sell at the Aggie Mom Boutique in April. Amy announced that she will not be continuing as Treasurer next year, so anyone interested in the job may contact her for more information. She also made a notebook to help with the transition.

Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction - Sherri reported that this year’s event was a success. We made around $1900 at the Silent Auction, which will go toward scholarships for incoming freshmen. Mickey Banigan and her committee worked really hard to get wonderful donations from area businesses, and several members contributed donations, as well. We had 50 people in attendance, the food was delicious and the entertainment by the RRHS Jazz Band was fabulous.

Parent’s Weekend Boutique - the Boutique will be held on Parent’s weekend, April 17 & 18. Beth Perry emailed a link to the Volunteer Spot for people to sign up to help work at our booth and the raffle table. We need lots of help at Boutique, so if you can sign up to work a 2-hour shift, it would be awesome. Kim Longino and Laurie Hoelscher reported that they just picked up a sample of the hand-painted signs that we will be selling at the booth, and they are on display at the side of the room. They are taking pre-orders for the signs, which will go fast. The lady who paints them for us will also personalize them. They also have lots of jewelry, tote bags, and other great Aggie merchandise to sell. We will also be raffling off 2 items this year: a beautiful hand-made quilt made and donated by Aimee DiRiggi, and a large, lighted “Gig ‘em” thumbs up sign. Raffle tickets are selling for $1 each or 6 for $5.

Scholarships & Graduation Gifts - Aimee DiRiggi reported that she will give copies of the applications to the committee members the first of April, after darkening out names and other identifying information, then allow 2 weeks for review before the committee meets to determine award winners. Aimee asked that anyone who has a senior graduating this spring, let her know so she can make sure to have a gift for everyone.

Ag Bags - Anne Barnett reported that this season’s Ag Bag will be a 36” x 25” laundry bag with the Ol’ Sarge logo filled with goodies that we are selling for $25 each. We are stuffing the bags on Tuesday, April 28 at her house and delivery will be Wednesday, April 29. She is collecting email addresses for those interested in participating.

2015-16 Board positions - not all officers will be returning next year, so we will be sending out an email with a list of openings. If interested, talk to Beth Perry or Sherri Buscha. There are also support groups through the Federation for each position. It is easier when everyone is working together. It is a good time to join now while experienced people are still on the Board.

Fun Bucks & Door Prizes - Anne Scott read two letters we received from students who had won fun bucks. Door Prizes were awarded to Deborah Mitchell and Laurie Hoelscher. Fun Bucks were awarded to Eric Rabushka, Lauren Elander, Michael DiRiggi and Marshall Grey.

Ag Brags - several moms stood up to inform everyone about their students’ recent successes in Aggieland.

Announcements - Salad Supper will be at our next meeting in April. We will also have student recognition awards, book grants, graduation gifts and officer elections. Sherri announced that we also need a new web administrator for our RRAAMC website.

The meeting was adjourned.