Round Rock Area Aggie Mom’s Club General Meeting – January 25, 2016

King of Kings Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Kerrin Gaenzle

Beth Perry called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Guest Speaker** Introduced by Beth Albee (V.P. Programs): Dr. Henry Musoma is a professor from the Mays Business School at TAMU. He is from Zambia, South Africa. He let us know that Texas A&M has 5,000 International Students. He teaches his students that one thing that every person in the world has in common is struggle which helps us recognize our common humanity: Struggles – Humanity—Humor—Humanity

Change is painful and pain is changeful – so be open minded.

He teaches his students to develop their network, because their network is their net worth.

He closed with the analogy that you can count how many seeds are in an orange but you can’t count how many oranges are in a seed. His talk was entertaining, informative and uplifting.

**Approval of Minutes from 11-16-15 General Meeting**. No changes needed. Motion to approve by Aimee DiRiggi, Seconded by Laurie Hoelscher, Approved unanimously.

Committee Updates:

**Anniversary Dinner** – Liz Gras and Melanie Busby: Selling tickets at this meeting and the next meeting (January and February General Meetings) for $20. Please reserve your spot if you are going so that we can get a head count.

**Silent Auction** – Sherri Buscha: Working with list of past donors from Mickey Bannigan. Sherri has contacted 30 businesses so far, but she would like to have help. Please solicit donations from business and services that you frequent. Sherri has a letter that we can use to help solicit donations. Donors will be listed on our website and in our newsletter. Please bring donations to February General Meeting. Please get together with friends and create a basket to donate (We already have a Tailgate Basket, Baby Basket, and Spa Basket.) Earn a volunteer slot at the February meeting because that meeting will be a Silent Auction Work Meeting (assembling baskets, etc.) We also need help at the Anniversary Dinner with Silent Auction set up, manning tables, totaling bid sheets and check out. We are also collecting Lotto Tickets for the Lotto Tree that we will raffle off at the event. Funds raised will be going towards Student Scholarships.

**Ag Bags** – Anne Barnett: April 1st is the last day to order the Spring Ag Bags. The Ag Bags will be TAMU insulated coolers with goodies inside. We will stuff the Ag Bags on April 26th and deliver them to our student s in College Station on April 27th.

**New Business** – We need volunteers for Aggie Boutique (April 8th and 9th Parents Weekend in College Station). Need volunteers for raffle table and to sell Aggie yard art for RRAAMC booth

Beth Perry will be sending out an email to see if existing Board Members are going to continue for next year. Please let Beth know if you are interested in helping with a Board position.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Deborah Mitchell: Bank Balance $5774.30 as of 12-11-15

**Fun Bucks** – Charlotte Pickett and Anne Scott: Read 7 thank you notes from students who had received past Fun Bucks.

Drawing for 10 Fun Bucks.

Winners of the ten $10 Fun Buck prizes were:

Greg Wickwire, Emily Tasker, Haley Ewing, Haley Whiteside, Victoria Yell, Kyle James, Macey Randig, Brian George, Preston Bracamontez , and Ryan Hadaway.

**Aggie Mom Birthdays**: We recognized 8 Aggie Moms with birthdays in the month of January.

**Spring Book Grants** ($100 Gift Cards from Barnes and Noble): We had a drawing for 5 Book Grants.

**The five students who each won a $100 Book Grants were:**

Leah James (student Kyle James)

Melanie Busby (student Justin Busby)

Denise Whiteside (student Haley Whiteside)

Loretta Waclawczyk (student Aaron Waclawczyk)

Kerrin Gaenzle (student Karlie Gaenzle)

**Volunteer Efforts Drawing for Student Recognition Rewards**: $5 from each Fall Ag Bag that was sold went to Student Recognition Awards (funds will be sent directly to the Financial office of TAMU, so be sure to give your student’s UIN number if they won). We raised enough for five $100 Student Recognition Awards. Each time a member volunteered their name was put into this drawing for their current student to get a chance to win.

**The five winners of our $100 each Student Recognition Awards were:**

Helen Ingham (student Thomas Ingham)

Andrea Liles (student Macy Liles)

Diana George (student Brian George)

Tim (Sandra) Moch (student Kalea Moch)

Makiko Stehr (student Geoffrey Stehr)

Thank you note for Graduation Gift was read

**Ag Brags**: We had 11 moms share Ag Brags for their students including 4 earning Aggie Rings, 1 earning his Corp of Cadet Saber, and one publishing a paper in Aerospace Engineering.

No new members at this meeting, one guest (her daughter will be a new TAMU student the Fall of 2016)

Meeting adjourned, Next General Meeting will be at Fern Bluff Community Center on February 22, 2016