RRAAMC General Meeting

3/21/16

Fern Bluff Community Center

**Welcome**

Loretta Waclawczyk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Programs**

Beth Albee introduced our guest speakers for the evening, 4 students from the Texas A&M Carpool, a non-profit organization that offers free rides to anyone (not just students) within the Bryan College Station city limits who need a ride back to their home or hotel between 10pm and 3am. They provided over 250,000 rides last year.

They are located in Northgate next to the Dixie Chicken and wear bright green shirts so people can easily spot them. Their phone number is 979-693-9905. They use rental cars from Enterprise for the rides and always make sure there is a male and female in each car. Carpool is free, non-judgmental and confidential.

There are currently 300 members. There is a selection process to become a member. Once selected, the members are organized in groups of 10, so they can get to know one another and establish friendships. Members pay $40 per semester and must commit to drive a minimum of 5 nights per semester. They are treated to free food on the nights they drive. Carpool’s budget is $140-$150,000 per year and they host events throughout the year to raise money, such as an annual Gala (Silent and Live Auction) and golf tournaments. Tickets to the Gala are $75 per person. Find out more information about the Gala at carpool.tamu.edu/gala.

**Minutes for the February 2016 meeting**

The minutes for the February general meeting on 2/22/16 were presented for approval. Anne Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen Ingham seconded the motion, and the members voted to approve them as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Debbie Mitchell presented the monthly budget for February 2016. The beginning balance was $5,381.31. Income for February consisted of Anniversary Dinner ticket sales and Ag Bag sales. Expenses paid in February included speaker donations, payments to the Federation, student recognition awards, and facility rental of King Of Kings Lutheran Church for our January meeting. The bank balance 2/29/16 was $5,134.81. Income through 3/7/16 consists of Anniversary Dinner ticket sales and income from the Silent Auction and Raffle. Silent auction income processed through Square was not known at the time this report was prepared, but will be included in the March report. Outstanding checks include cost of printing deposit slips, Fern Bluff facility rental, Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction expenses. Our checkbook balance as of 3/6/16 is $6,209.48.

**Anniversary Dinner**

Melanie Busby and Liz Gras reported that the Anniversary Dinner was a big success. More than 50 members and alumni attended. Freudian Slip, a comedy group of A&M students, provided fun entertainment for all Attendees enjoyed the delicious meal from Gino’s. Gino’s left off a pan of salad, but we were able to get a refund (credit) for the difference. It was a fun event. Thanks to all who helped out.

**Silent Auction**

Beth Perry provided an update on the Silent Auction from chairman Sherri Buscha. We had 60 items up for bid valued at over $2,600, more than in previous years. We have 2 baskets left over that we will auction off at the April Salad Supper.

**Ag Bags**

Anne Barnett announced that today is the last opportunity to order an Ag Bag, other than by mail. Delivery will be on April 27. Ag Bag stuffing will be held at Annette Tasker’s home on April 26.

**Boutique**

Kim Longino announced that most of the items we are selling at the Boutique this year will be the large, hand-painted yard art. Kim will be picking it up next week from the artist’s home. We will also be selling items we have on hand from last year’s boutique, such as jewelry, that is in our storage facility. Please sign up to work the Boutique table or Raffle table at A&M on Parent’s Weekend, April 8 & 9 in the MSC.

We will have two items to raffle: a handmade quilt, made by Aimee DeRiggi, and one of the large Christmas-themed yard art pieces. Raffle tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

**Scholarships**

Aimee DeRiggi reported that she has received 4 applications to date. Most students submit them the last week or the last day. She has advertised the scholarships at area high schools, including Round Rock, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, Leander, and on our RRAAMC website.

**Graduation**

Aimee DeRiggi asked the moms to let her know if they have a student graduating in May.

**Open Board Positions**

Beth Perry announced that she and Loretta will be stepping down as co-presidents, so we need a president for next year. They recommend having 2 co-presidents. We need a president and treasurer to continue as a club. Annette Tasker has volunteered to be our Treasurer. Beth mentioned some of the other positions that are open – Boutique, Silent Auction, Hospitality (includes Salad Supper), Programs, Membership and Howdy Hullabaloo. Aimee DeRiggi will be heading up the Activities (tailgate) committee. Kerrin Gaenzle and Dana Hadaway will be co-secretaries again next year. Beth is putting together a description of each position, including an estimated time commitment for each, and will email it to the members this week.

**Door prizes and Fun Bucks**

Anne Scott read several thank you notes we received from students.

Door prizes were awarded to the following moms:

Melinda Bracamontez

Helen Ingham

Fun Bucks were awarded to the following students:

Thomas Ingham

Marshall Grey

Karlie Gaenzle

Elizabeth Barnett

Preston Bracamontez

**Ag Brags**

Several moms stood up to announce that their student had been recognized for excellent grades and receiving job offers.

The meeting was adjourned.

By Dana Hadaway, Co-Secretary