



NWHC Aggie Moms Club
Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Call to Order	Melinda Aviles	Called to order at 7:00 by Melinda Aviles.
Invocation	Melissa Gardner	Melissa Gardner led us in the opening prayer.
Attendance	Members Present	Melinda Aviles, Tammy Woodeshick, Karyn Friesen, Jennifer Clark, Martha Vehlewald, Celeste Lubenow, Kathy Hemann, Christine Waite, Danna Harrah, LaDonna Nobbe, Susan Hamm, Dawn Tamborello, Melissa Gardner, Denise Hutton, Angie Martinez, Chrissy Spring, Laura Lawhon, Jeri Jackson
	Members Absent	Lucy Davis, Pat Thompson, Melissa Ross
Welcome	Tammy Woodeshick	Tammy welcomed everyone here. There were new people here tonight, so everyone introduced themselves and their position(s). Tammy handed out gifts to those who had not received theirs from the last meeting. There will be door prizes tonight. Tammy asked how everyone was doing with their transition into their new positions. Did anyone have any questions, concerns, conversations, etc.? Tammy asked if there were any issues for handing off duties.
Minutes	Danna Harrah	There were a few additions and suggestions for last month's minutes from Tammy. Martha motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Jennifer seconded. Minutes approved as amended. Sign in sheet was passed around.
Treasurer Report	Denise Hutton	
	Beginning Balance	\$ 7548.78
	Total Income	\$ 2778.60
	Total Expenses	\$ 318.36
	Net Income-loss	\$ 2460.24
	Current Bank Balance	\$10,009.02
	Discussion	Denise went over the treasurer's report. New members are coming in through the website and the summer mixer. We have \$73 from boutique for the summer mixer. We have donations of \$1170. Round Top also came in at \$924. We are also expecting the Kendra Scott check. Tammy reported that it was sent to the past president from about six years ago, and an email was received asking for the correct address. The club only had \$1800 in expenses. There was a month with the old storage and a small portion for June for the



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transition to the new storage, as well as some for the summer mixer.

Membership

**Celeste Lubenow,
Dawn Soukup, &
Jennifer Clark**

Motioned to approve the treasurer's report by Jennifer and seconded by Susan. All approved.

Celeste reported that the current membership is: 51 new, 44 renewals, 23 Ring of Honor. The total is 118. She asked that if anyone still needed to join the club, please do so. She passed out forms for anyone who needed to renew. There was also a reminder to go online and renew there.

Care Packages

**Denise Hutton,
Lucy Davis,
Melissa Gardner,
& Kathy Hemann**

Dawn reported that at the next mixer on July 13th so far, 26 moms and 3 students have replied. Almost everyone on the board/committee will attend. On July 31st, 6 moms and 1 dad are expected. Martha will send out Sign-Up Genius so that the board/committee can sign up to bring food. Bring extra shirts. Martha will send a Sign-Up Genius out for food sign-up.

Denise: December 3rd is the delivery date in College Station on campus at MSC. To describe for those who haven't been involved, at MSC, care packages are delivered by several different clubs. We will be in one room in MSC. We need more volunteers to help since we are back inside. Jobs include baking goods, covering the tables, putting up signs, telling our students which room to find us, loading care packages into cars, driving cars, unloading cars, loading boxes on flatbeds to deliver upstairs, handing out bags, cleaning up, etc. We put individually wrapped baked goods and fruit on the tables for students to grab. If for some reason we have extra, we give them out to students in the hallways.

This spring we only sold 67 bags. Hopefully we will have more this fall since kids are back on campus. We usually do 2 shifts, 8-12 and 11-2 or 3. We must be cleaned up and out by 3:00.

Tammy asked if it would be ok to offer to partner with the Chicago Club for care packages. The more items we order, the cheaper it gets. We don't tell people what is in them. We are open to ideas for things to order. Dollar Tree website was mentioned. Karyn talked about having several trays with homemade cookies and Krispy treats that have been individually packaged. Denise said that Hobby Lobby will let you order at discount.



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There will be a sign-up for volunteers (Sign-Up Genius) since we will be back on campus. Since we are hoping to have larger numbers, we will do an assembly day maybe the Sunday prior. Facebook and Web will be updated with the information.

Communication **Laura Lawhon, &
Angie Martinez**

Facebook - Angie said that she will pin a post on the Facebook page with save-the-date list and reminders. She will be setting up events on Facebook so that reminders are sent out. She will include monthly meetings. A reminder for Giving Tree at Howdy Party will be posted as well.

Programs **Kathy Ashmore-
Hemann**

Website – Laura is working on the website. Angie said that another Aggie Moms Club gave a huge compliment and is viewing it to use it as an idea for theirs!

Kathy reported that Dr. Arnold, Director of the Gardens at TAMU will be joined by a faculty member. Not sure if they both will be speaking. If so, do we need to give gift cards to each speaker? Jennifer mentioned that University staff always travel with a faculty member. Decision to offer a gift card to both will be made later.

Boutique **Jeri Jackson,
Christine Waite,
Danna Harrah**

February's speaker, Tricia Sheffield (BLOG: Audience of One) is traveling from Dallas. She has asked for \$100 for travel expenses. Our traditional gift for speakers is \$50. There are other groups that receive more than that. The Galveston Yell Leaders get \$100. Kathy asked if it was ok to pay her the \$100. The group agreed that it was worth the additional money to have her speak. Budget for speakers is \$300 for the year. It can be spent as we see fit.

Inventory of Boutique took place on June 13. The inventory spread sheet will be sent to Tammy for our files. After the inventory, it was determined that we have assets of approximately \$10,000 (excluding the jewelry and some donated items for silent auction, etc.) Tammy asked about needing or having insurance on the items in storage. Denise will check with other clubs to see what they do.

All items were moved to Blackwell Storage at 6745 FM 2920, Spring, TX 77379, on June 26. We will be saving \$70 a month at this new location. Jennifer mentioned she has items that need to go to storage at her house. She will be recycling the old credit card machine.



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Fundraising: Fall Virtual Boutique may be an option.

The club used to attend Shop 'Til You Drop in the fall, but the work wasn't worth the number of items sold and amount of money raised. Suggestion to look for other options. Angie M. will research local craft fair options.

Traditions

Karyn Friesen

Traditions – Karyn will inventory pieces. We will build/paint pieces soon. There are a lot of steps for every piece. They cannot be painted if it is over 70% humidity. Karyn will set up Crafty Days and crafting time before meetings. She will be recruiting volunteers Dawn and Karyn are working on a notebook with processes and spreadsheets for future Traditions Liaisons.

Social Events

**Chrissy Spring
Melissa Ross**

The next Book Club meeting is July 20th at Juanita's Mexican Restaurant on Louetta at 5:15. The book is *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Everyone liked the way Chrissy posted questions ahead of time so that they could process the questions. She will be sending out the questions on the Book Club Facebook group. Last month other people came and joined. Book Club will be on the Save-the-date cards!

Melissa Gardner suggested Craft Chicks in Tomball – they do workshops up to 25 people and have small projects. If we do a private group, minimum is 25, or join a workshop in progress. Private party can be any day except for Sunday. Start 5 or 5:30 with 10+ people. Most projects are \$35. Restaurants are nearby in Tomball.

AR Workshop is available on October 30th for 20-24 people. It is private, \$100 fee, pick own and divide projects. The owner might become a member of NWHC and will be at the July 13th summer mixer. If only 25 can go, different date/groups may be done.

LaDonna suggested The Rustic Brush. The cost is \$85, and food is available.

We would like to do at least 2 social events this year. Tammy suggested AR in the fall and Craft Chicks in the spring as social get-togethers.



Ways and Means

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Hullabaloo Huddle November 13th There is no chairperson as of now, so we will divide and conquer duties. Melinda will call Stats to book the date. Martha will make the Giving Tree with donation item tags-- at meetings, people will take a donation tag and know what to donate for the silent auction baskets. Martha needs help with knowing what kind of baskets will be at the silent auction so that she can put that on the tree. Jeri will supply Martha with the list of baskets from last year. Inventory from storage will be taken into consideration. Melinda is going to make the flyer for the baskets.

October 16th is Round Top Collection give-back day. Sign-up Genius for whole club will be sent out for volunteers.

September 16th Kendra Scott give-back day in The Woodlands-they will give us a code for online orders and phone orders. Sign-up Genius will be sent out for volunteers.

Melinda has the Tax ID letter for silent auctions donation items.

Spring Fundraiser Trivia Night -February 19th, 2022. LaDonna volunteered to chair the Trivia Night spring fundraiser with help from Melinda. LaDonna said that even if her son doesn't come home, he will do the questions for Trivia Night.

Spirit of Service

**LaDonna Nobbe
Kaaren Lucas**

LaDonna would like for 12th Can food pantry to be an ongoing SOS every month.

September – School supplies for Dads organization called Horizon Outreach. Pick up extra when you are shopping.

October – Nursery called CareNet - organization for girls who are teen moms, maybe some who give babies up for adoption.

November – St. Vincent DePaul – push for food and maybe volunteers- specific list will go out.

December – toys and specific needs

January – AAR (Abandoned Animal Rescue)

February - Moses Closest – kids in foster care

March – Mercy House – kids sale crafts (we would go and volunteer)

April/May – unknown

Dawn mentioned another idea for around December.



New Business

Celeste

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Howdy Bags – We plan to stuff bags on Saturday, July 31st before the mixer so that we can leave them at Houston Distribution. Celeste would like to receive the items for the bags by the 24th, but she can take them up to the 30th. Connie will contact Aggieland Outfitters. Melissa Ross getting donation from Round Top Collection.

Howdy Party, August 10th – We have traditionally bought a Cookie Cake. Tammy will get the Cookie Cake. Board and Committee members bring the food. Plan for 100+. Signup Genius will be sent by Martha. Plan your food to feed 12-18 people.

Karyn talked about the Fall Federation meeting and workshops on August 27-28. There is a dinner you can sign up for. The meeting is on the 28th. The Federation meetings are always very informative. Speakers usually include University leaders. Federation workshops, and a fun afternoon activity. We need 6 members there, and we learn a lot. There will be pictures with yell leaders and Miss Rev. It takes place after our Howdy party, so it's open to anyone in the club.

Martha asked about the by-laws. Are there any changes in the by-laws? Specific items are still in there that need to be changed to match the way our club operates. The by-laws are online. Start looking at your particular area to see if changes need to be made. Change "Vice-president of ???" to a simple term. Connie Pritchard or Stephanie Collums are resources for this project.

Tammy asked that we go around and talk about ourselves: our favorite memory with our child at TAMU.

**Meeting
Adjourned**

Melinda Aviles

Melinda asked for a motion to adjourn.

Jennifer motioned and Angie M. seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.