MCAMC General Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

Location: South County Community Center 2235 Lake Robbins Drive The Woodlands, Texas

Attendees: Stacy, Lorraine, Lawen, Lisa, Jennifer, Sonya, Dana, Cara all representing the board, committee members and general club members

1. Call to Order by Stacy at 7:04 PM
2. Financial Report
   1. Treasurer - Dana
   2. Treasurer report print out available at each member table
      1. Balance as of June 1,, 2024 (start of our fiscal year) was $20.029.24
         1. Deposits totaled $12,461.86 (membership dues, goodie bags, donations, fundraising)
         2. Expenses were $610.93 (Howdy, annual board planning meeting)
         3. Balance as of August 31,, 2024 was $31,880.17
      2. Updates on Fundraising amounts

1. $1147.99 fundraising to date

iii. Updated attendees on use of Cheddar Up for all club sales ex. T-shirts, dues, goodie bags, etc.

III. Dina made the motion to accept the treasurer report

b. Unanimously passed

IV. Membership

1. Jennifer covered current membership numbers and goals

IV. Meeting closed by Stacy at 7:08 pm

Summary of General Meeting

* Review of Programs
* Fundraising events coming up this year: Aggie Mom Boutique, Vacanva, Tiffs Treats, Round Top Market, Raffle Table at Boutique
* Goodie Bags introduced, items shown, volunteer opportunity, soft close date on orders Oct. 4th
* Speaker- Stevan F. Williamson

Aggie

Global Leader - Shell Oil

Recruiting Leader at A&M

Advisor - Two A&M Boards

Chairman of Board - West Houston Asst Ministry

Director of DaVinci Studios

**The freshman experience:**

*What to expect:* Homesickness, roommate issues, getting sick, feeling overwhelmed.

*What to do:* Emotional support/encouragement, make home a relaxing place they want to come back to, limit change at home, don’t take over their room yet, ask about classes not about grades. They will share what they want.

**The sophomore year:**

*What to expect:* Switching classes, changing majors, mental health- sophomore slump

*What to do:* Don’t freak out about the changes they want to make, focus on their success and their happiness, not tuition. Encourage extracurricular activities

**The junior year:**

*What to expect:* Preparation, major companies hiring for internships at junior year and sophomore year, go to career fairs

*What to do:* Point them to the Career Center, find out when the company they want to visit with is coming, start their resume early, get them a nice suit, talk about internships early, look your best, try to impress, what are you doing to stand out- put things on your resume to stand out. Talk about your extra-curricular activities that excite you (again- be memorable!)

**The senior year:**

*What to expect:* Job offers (salary/benefits), which company, which city, romantic relationships grow together or grow apart and that’s okay

*What to do:*

Encourage them, keep them focused (senioritis- it’s more pronounced in college), make sure last semester gets finished out strong, prepare them for the real world

What else can you do?

*Be an anchor-* keep them from drifting, but don’t drag them down

*Don’t hold them back-* help them move forward, don’t hinder their future with your fears.

*Be available-* Be the 12th Mom, no helicopter, velcro, or bulldozer mom (don’t smooth their path completely, they need to struggle to grow and learn)

Stay in touch, but not too much- stay informed/respect boundaries, more texts, less calls, send care packages- even if they don’t ask for anything

Your student will make great memories- meeting new friends and learning new things

Book recommendations, Answers for Aggies, Answers for College Students, Welcome to the Real World- all available on Amazon

Next event date is 09/24/24 – Happy Hour – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Kirby Ice House, 1700 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380

Approved by: *Cara Payan*

Date: September 19, 2024