

The Association of Former Students
Albuquerque A&M Club
Business Meeting

January 20, 2022

Agenda Prepared By: Tyler Cochran, President

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Minutes Prepared By: Lainy Cochran

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

In attendance: Tyler Cochran, Lainy Cochran, Mac Cook, Makenzie McNeill, Aaron Krueger, Natasha Abruzzo, Jeannie Randolph, Christy Quesada

Finances

Vice President of Finance, Christy Quesada

- Operating Funds Available - \$1,837.62
- Scholarship Funds Available - \$2,028.86
- Reimbursements due: Tyler
- Tyler developed a form for reimbursements. Also need to develop an approval process
- Start thinking about scholarship application process
 - Note, there are more restrictions on offering scholarships than it used to be (\$1000 got a student in-state tuition). The minimum is now \$4000
 - <https://scholarships.tamu.edu/Non-Resident-Tuition-Waiver>
- Can request entity-specific Nontaxable Transaction Certificate (NTTC) and print them. Tyler will look for them online. Jeannie can help

Muster

Vice President of Muster, Jeannie Randolph

- Have requested postcard announcements to be mailed. Will also do emails. Have until March 1 to edit content of postcard
- If we do in-person, would prefer a venue that does not require a contract, considering outdoors if can find a quiet enough space
 - Pappadeaux has two rooms for 25 or 70 people. Would allow flexibility for food
 - Winery? Vara has food, Gruet allows to bring in food
 - Could someone host?
 - Natasha recommends reaching out to Hops Brewing
 - El Pinto, Sadie's
- If we do in-person, consider a stream for those who do not feel comfortable attending
- Thinking low cost and no speaker considering uncertainty for attendance
 - Association has speaker videos we can play, maybe while eating our meal

Club Branding & Sales

- Prototype t-shirt to wear to upcoming events and gauge interest? Mac to do before Muster
 - Mac will bring prototypes to next Howdy Hour. Estimate per shirt is \$3.50 for shirt and another \$3 for vinyl, plus some for labor. Thanks to Mac's sister!
 - Would organize preorder so only make as many as requested

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Upcoming Activities

Vice President of Activities, Aaron Krueger

- Howdy Hours continue on first Thursday of the month.
 - Differential Brewing (Apr), 377 Brewery (May), Vara Winery (June)
 - Consider Hops Brewing (Feb), also for next year's watch parties. Natasha watched games there this past season out of convenience and the owner put on the A&M games
- Ski day - Feb 5 - Ski Santa Fe
 - Tyler will get banner to Natasha prior to Saturday and Ben can reserve a table for the club (thanks!)
- Texas Independence Day plans - March 2nd
 - Planning for Rudy's. Will have on March 3 as Howdy Hour location
- Roadrunner food bank volunteering - Late March?
 - <https://www.rafb.org/give/give-time/warehouse-volunteers/group-volunteers/>
 - Aaron will work on a date, mid-late March
- Plan a picnic for after Muster that we can advertise at Muster? Weekend before Memorial Day (May 23rd)?
 - Sell tickets for picnic and include with cost of dues?

General Discussion Items

- Dues discussion
 - Historically for this club, dues were used for operating funds like mailing newsletters, ordering bulk t-shirts, etc. Muster auction funded the scholarship fund
 - Benefits of collecting dues include better communication with members, accountability of members to attend, increased engagement with consistent events to help build back the club
 - Based on what others do, considering setting dues at \$30 per person, \$50 per couple/family?, \$20 (\$12? Whoop!) for recent grads within 2 years
 - Need to consider enforcement for people who are not members that show up to events. In order to use website to collect registration and payment, might need to upgrade
 - Tyler will schedule a separate meeting in February to discuss this more, possibly before the next Howdy Hour. Then can finalize details to put before the Board, including plans for Muster
- Website update
 - Turns out the existing website autorenewed sooner than expected so we have the next year to decide a path forward on transferring to the Association-hosted website, <https://albuquerqueamc.aggienetwork.com/>
 - Consider adding donation button to website that links to business PayPal account