



USAFA Parent's Club of MN

Minutes of Saturday, April 4, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom teleconference platform

The meeting of the USAFA Parent's Club of MN (the "Club") was called to order starting at 9:02 am by Christine Warner, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motioned was made by Christine Hockman to approve the February and March minutes. Wendy Ojala seconded the motion. February and March minutes were approved.

Christine Warner asked all attendees to email John Uribe of their attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Ojala provided the Treasurer's report. Key highlights of the report were 1) little activity has occurred since MN Night, 2) total balance in the club's account is \$13,665.10 and 3) \$2442.55 has been carried forward for next year's MN Night (plus \$1130 of gift cards that are still available). Boyd Lee shared that bracelets for mothers were ordered and reimbursement is needed. Wendy asked for receipts to be submitted for reimbursement. Discussion occurred concerning increasing the Club's donation base through avenues such as American Legions and VFW chapters.

Other Items/Updates/Actions:

- Jackie Maas provided an update on procuring "thank you notes". Anchor Printing was an option and discussion ensued about leveraging the Club's account with VistaPrint which has a more economical alternative. John Uribe motioned for approval for the Club to procure 250 "thank you" cards with envelopes from VistaPrint. Jackie Maas seconded the motion. Motioned was approved.
- Google Drive Update: This will be a carryover agenda item for next meeting
- Academy/Cadet/Appointee Update: Grant McCall, Academy Liaison Officer (ALO), shared that during these unprecedented times that the Academy is working hard to address needs of the Cadets. Grant mentioned that for the Appointees there may be potential delays for in-processing and basic training. Grant shared that he and Col. Pete Swanson (who is located in MN) are available to help support Cadets during this period.
- Class of 2020 Status/Transition: Club discussed the situation of the Class of 2020. Key subjects discussed included 1) isolation of Cadets have been relaxed some from initial protocols, 2) graduation to be held virtually without public attendees allowed, and 3) unofficial news that Cadets will be processed out a week after graduation. Club also discussed the lack of certainty when upperclassmen would be returning to campus.
- Senior Gifts: Club continued discussion from March meeting if \$50 gift cards should be gifted to the graduating Cadets. The gift cards had been budgeted for and Christine Hockman suggested that the Club should continue (at least for this year) to give these cards as gifts. Matt Norman supported that the Club go ahead and give these gifts. No vote required and group decided to provide \$50 gift cards to the graduating Cadets.

- Events Update (Heritage Dinner): Matt Norman shared that the Heritage Dinner has been cancelled. Discussion occurred regarding the potential rescheduling of the Dinner but given the uncertainty of timing around “stay-at-home” orders, the decision was made to cancel. Venue has already been booked for next year’s dinner and deposit was rolled over. Christine suggested that prizes for the dinner be used for the summer picnic.
- Events Update (New Cadet Orientation): Sara Ahlquist shared that Orientation may be conducted virtually versus in-person this year. One suggestion was to have Cadets that are home to have a virtual meeting with appointees. Matt Norman suggested the possibility of having an outside meeting for Orientation. Erik Ahlquist suggested setting up mentor families to reach out to appointees and their respective families. More clarity to New Cadet Orientation forum will transpire as “stay-at home” times and protocols evolve.
- Leadership Turnover: Christine Hockman encouraged individuals that have leadership roles to have transition meetings with their counterparts to help ease the transition.
- New Fundraising Opportunities: Jackie Maas suggested an opportunity to increase fundraising by having auxiliary membership for grandparents and extended family members and having auxiliary members be non-voting members. Wendy Ojala stated that bylaws need to be checked.
- Cadet Sharing took place.
- Next meeting will be on May 9.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Uribe,
Club Secretary

May 5, 2020