



## **USAFA Parents Club of MN**

**Minutes of Saturday, December 5, 2020**

**Location: Zoom Call (from the comfort of our homes)**

The meeting of the USAFA Parents Club of MN (the "Club") was called to order starting at 9:05 am by Sara Ahlquist, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Jackman gave the report for Lynn. Money collected for Zyvonne memorial-\$719, Cookie Packing-\$990, General donations-\$363.33. Total in our account is \$4010.56

Grant McCall told us that interviews are still happening for candidates, about 150. He said that more of the candidates are interviewing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Standardized testing scores are still a big part of the process even during COVID. One positive with COVID is the ALOs, and the Academy are using virtual sessions to reach more people. He thanked the club for sending cookies to his family.

Cookie Packing: Cookie packing took place on November 20 at the Firehouse Station 1 in Lakeville. We packed over 120 boxes that were sent to MN cadets. Delta shipped 630lbs of cookies for free, Thank you Delta! Thanks to Mike Meyer, Tracie and Inge Grasdal for helping with cookie packing as well as the cadets who delivered them.

Auxiliary Memberships: Jackie Maas talked about the different options with this membership. Alumni families, sponsorship membership. Denise proposed the creation of two new committees: one to discuss sponsorship and one for website development. There was discussion on getting these forms in a digital manner, Michele Landis said she would help get that started. Boyd Lee, Andrea Komschlies, and Sandy Soukup will be part of the committee with Jackie and Michele will help with the digital part.

### **Event Updates:**

- Parents Night Out (PNO): Jackie Maas updated us that the next night will be held at the Hamel Community (Medina) building on January 14, 2021. Reserved for 30 people and we will have to clean up the site after our event. We have it from 6:30-8:30. No alcohol is allowed since it was an additional fee.

Club coins for Senior gifts were discussed. Matt Norman talked about the redesign of the coin, engraving the coins was not cost prohibited and the design was finalized with an agreement of all who attended the meeting. 100 coins will be ordered for the club with an email sent out to see the club if anyone else would like to order one for their personal use but they will need to pay for them beforehand.

Minnesota Night: The Academy has officially canceled all state night dinners for 2021. An alternative will happen in place of this. The committee is working on it right now.

Banquet (AOG Founder's Day dinner) will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at Southview Country Club. Matt Norman is looking for auction items for this event for the silent auction. He is also looking for a company that might donate the printing for the programs at this event. If you know of someone who can help, please forward their name onto Matt. Rick Knoll (AOG) will work on getting the new Superintendent to speak at the Banquet.

Other Business: Sara was looking for a parent(s) from class of '23 to take over the organizing of orientation in the Spring. Please contact Sara, Erik if you can help out.

Cadet Sharing

Next meeting will take place on January 9, 2021 at the Gun Club in Eagan (if permitted) or will be a Zoom gathering instead

The meeting ended at 10:45am

Minutes by Christine Hockman  
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