



USAFA Parent's Club of MN

Minutes of Saturday, February 8, 2020

Location: Livio Health, 401 Harding St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

The meeting of the USAFA Parent's Club of MN (the "Club") was called to order starting at 9:03 am by Bev Spangler, Co-Presidents, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Draft minutes of the November 2019 meeting of the Club were distributed prior to the meeting for review. Bev asked if there were any questions or requested changes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Steve Gustafson to approve the minutes, with a second by Matt Norman. The minutes were then approved by a voice vote.

The Treasurer's report was then presented by Wendy Ojala, club treasurer.

Other Items/Updates/Actions

- Parents who attended Minnesota Night reported that the event was successful. Key highlights: curds and cookies were a hit, fruit/veggies/whole-table prize awards not popular with the kids. Q&A took place along with discussion on areas of improvements/changes. Co-chairs for next year are:
 - Christine Hockman
 - Zyvonne Langan
 - Bill & Jennifer Sawyer
- Cookie Packing: most cadets received their boxes by Saturday evening of cookie packing
- New Cadet Orientation: vote to raise reimbursement to cadets for travel home to participate in the Club's orientation to \$2,000 for 2020 only. A motion to approve was made by Wendy Ojala, with a second by Christine Hockman. Vote was approved.
 - Orientation policies were presented and discussed. If the cadet is a Firstie, they must keep their flight suits in order to participate in the MN Orientation event. Reimbursement requires a receipt at or just after the orientation. Cadets who come home at last minute but don't bring home uniform/ABU are of course allowed to attend the event but will not be part of the panel and not be reimbursed for their travel. The Orientation Policies document was posted to the Google Drive in the "Orientation" folder.
- Banquet: Matt Norman provided an update. Date will be May 2nd at Southview Country Club. Focus on new cadets, appointees upfront (not in the back of the room). A board for 2020 graduates to be displayed; put together by the 2020 parents. A group of parents will make calls to new appointees to personally invite them to attend, even if they have another event like Prom (their dates can join as well, and they don't have to stay the entire night). Donations needed: gifts, gift cards, bottles of wine for the wine pull. Discussion occurred about a gift for moms (prop and wings neckless).
- Status of Class of 2024 communicated by Grant McCall was presented by Bev Spangler: 10 EA offered, 9 accepted; 5 are female.

- Graduation overview – Erik and Sara Ahlquist. Presented an overview of the process. Other suggestions and useful tips were shared and will be posted (such as the Graduation packet).
- Policies and Role of Mentors – USAFA Parent's Club of MN General Policies were presented, discussed and posted to the Google Drive. Mentor information to the "Mentor" folder; General Policies to the main drive. USAFA Parent's Club of MN Mentor Family responsibilities were presented and discussed.
- The following club members have stepped up to fill open positions to move the club forward:
 - Lynn Jackman (Ethan 2023) - Treasurer
 - Denise Metzler (Sam 2023) - Email
 - Sara Fournier (Alex 2023) - Facebook
 - Brenda Norkosky (James 2022) - Webmaster
 - Sandy & Steve Soukup (Jack 2023) - Class of 2023 Reps
 - Inge & Tracy (Oliver & Espen 2023) - Class of 2023 Reps
- Cadet Sharing took place.
- Next meeting will be March 7 at Livio Health.

The meeting then adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Uribe,
Club Secretary

March 22, 2019