



USAFA Parent's Club of MN

Minutes of Saturday, March 7, 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 9:01 am by Steve Gustafson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Gustafson informed the attendees that February and March minutes will be approved during the April meeting.

There was no Treasurer's report during the meeting due to no activity during the month.

Other Items/Updates/Actions:

- Sara Ahlquist reminded attendees that New Cadet Orientation is scheduled for May 16th and the Club is striving to have one cadet representative from each class. Two thousand dollars in aggregate is being allocated for cadets who travel home to participate subject to expense reimbursement policy.
- Banquet: Matt Norman provided an update. Date will be May 2nd at Southview Country Club. Discussion occurred around some of the challenges with the Banquet such as obtaining the full list of appointees, confusion around the name, etc. Matt Norman reminded attendees that donations are still needed for the auction.
- Summer Picnic: Sandy Soukup provided an update on the picnic, noting that the shelter at Purgatory Creek was rented.
- Grant McCall provided an appointment update: 14 appointments made and to date 11 have accepted. He also shared that USAFA is working to align its appointment cycle with those of Army and Navy out of concern that it may be losing highly qualified candidates due to cycle misalignment. Additionally, Grant indicated that as ALO, he can get access to the list of all MN cadets from the Parents Liaison regardless of whether cadets requested confidentiality, which prevents the cadets from being on our roster. Grant stated that he can reach out to these cadets to confirm that their request for confidentiality was intentional and not by mistake.
- Leadership Turnover: Discussion occurred concerning the timing of Leadership turnover/transition, currently it occurs on a school year basis versus calendar year. Denise Metzler motioned to change the turnover to a calendar year starting 1/1/2021. Mike Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was voted upon and approved. There was discussion whether the event assignments should change based on the calendar realignment, e.g., Junior parents taking over Leadership at the start of the calendar year would also have Banquet duties in the spring. Decision was made to leave duties as they currently stand and evaluate over time.
- Google Drives: Discussion occurred about providing Google Drive access to all the Class Representatives. Given sensitivity to some data that may be accessed, Denise Metzler and John Uribe will research the possibility of bifurcating the sensitive data in order to provide access to Class Representatives.

- Club benefits for members versus non-members: Discussion occurred if there should be a distinction of benefits between members and non-members. Various pro's and con's of having different benefits were discussed but the general consensus was that it is imperative to do a better job promoting the benefits of the Club and to use venues with a large draw such as the cookie packing event to promote it.
- Senior Gifts: Discussion occurred about the utility of the \$50 graduation gift for Seniors. Consensus was that the monetary gift made sense prior to the Club's investment in MN Night. Consensus also occurred that gifts in place of money were not necessary. Questions were asked if funds could be redirected for other purposes such as cookie packing, MN Night, etc. This will be an agenda item for April when Wendy Ojala, the Treasurer is present.
- Open Positions: There is currently an open position for the Class of 2021 Representatives. The decision was made to move forward with the existing Class of 2021 Reps rather than add an additional rep, but Steve Gustafson stated that he will check the bylaws to determine the implication of having 2 representatives versus 3. (Added post meeting later follow-up: The Club Bylaws state that there will be "at least two (2) but not more than three (3) Class Reps from each year's classes", so moving forward with the representatives we have (Christine Hockman and Erik & Sara Ahlquist) meets the requirements of the Club Bylaws). Denise Metzler volunteered to fill the open position for the Class of 2023 Representatives. It was confirmed that Jennifer Sawyer will take the open position for MN Night.
- Eliminated Position: The positions of Athletic Liaison and Moms Night Out were eliminated. Steve Gustafson motioned to eliminate the positions. The motion was seconded by Christine Hockman. Vote was approved.
- Club stationery: Discussion occurred about having generic Club stationery to use for thank you notes and other such purposes. Jackie Maas volunteered to investigate the cost and potential sources for Club stationery. This will be revisited and voted upon in the April meeting.
- Cadet Sharing took place.
- Next meeting will be on April 4.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Uribe,
Club Secretary

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