



USAFA Parent's Club of MN

Minutes of Saturday, May 9, 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 9:03 am by Sara Ahlquist, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motioned was made by Steve Gustafson to approve the April minutes. Denise Metzler seconded the motion. April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Jackman provided the Treasurer's report. Key highlights of the report were 1) little activity has occurred, 2) \$1,600 in membership fees have come in and 3) transition is occurring from incumbent Treasurer.

Other Items/Updates/Actions:

- Google Drive Update: Denise Metzler shared that new Leadership will be provided access to their respective folders and that each individual will have control of their folder. Passwords for folders will have change as of 5/15/2020.
- MN Night date for 2/4/2021 was submitted.
- Orientation: Sara Ahlquist informed that orientation was not going to be held in person but instead online either 6/6/2020 or 6/13/2020. Sara also shared that each new family is set up with a family mentor and that she will send out suggested email of key items for the mentor family to communicate with the mentee families.
- Summer Picnic: Sandy Soukup shared that Purgatory Park is still available for use. Discussion occurred about asking local restaurants to help underwrite the expense but given the current circumstances of the restaurant industry it was suggested that club should underwrite the expense and that there are sufficient funds in the budget to cover the outlay.
- Thank your cards from Cadets: Christine Hockman and Lynn Jackman shared/read some of the "thank you" cards that were received from Cadets following MN Night.
- Academy/Cadet/Appointee Update: Grant McCall, Academy Liaison Officer (ALO), shared that there are 22 appointees from Minnesota. Grant shared that basic training will occur and will be on schedule. Grant shared that there will be additional distance learning for Cadets as some of the regularly scheduled programs have been disrupted due to Covid. Grant encouraged parents to help their Cadets find the opportunities during these times versus worrying about the lost opportunities.
- Social Media Concerns: Club discussed concerns that Academy is having about "oversharing" on social media especially given unfortunate events that occurred in March '20. Concern that rumors and misinformation may occur.
- Ideas to Support Cadets: Discussion occurred on how the Club can support the Cadets. Ideas ranged from sending birthday cards, buying Cadets lunch, to just sending them a "thinking of you" card.

- Graduation Gifts: Matt Norman suggested a class coin versus a monetary gift. Denise Metzler shared that Cadets enjoy the coins and would encourage this. Will be put on Fall agenda.
- Bracelets for Mothers: Boyd Lee brought up that need that additional bracelets may be needed. Group decided to order 15 more (no motion required).
- Cadet Sharing took place.
- Next meeting will be on October 3rd.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Uribe,
Club Secretary

September 14, 2020