**United States Air Force Academy**

**Parents' Club of Minnesota Meeting**

**February 2, 2013**

**Attendees**: 57 people representing a total of 35 families

Class of 2013: 7 Families

Class of 2014: 12 Families

Class of 2015: 10 Families

Class of 2016: 5 Families

Other: 1 Family / 2011 graduate family (Bethke)

**Call to Order**

Darrell Tamosuinas called the meeting to order at 10:am.

Motion made and carried for approval of minutes from November 2012.

**ALO Report**:

Major Jake Zender provide update. As of two days ago incoming applications were closed. MN numbers of applicants are steady at 125. He expects about 30-35 cadets from MN. Total class will be 1040.

Question from parent. Jake explained that there are 20 ALOs across MN. He can connect parents with their local ALO if parents call him.

**Treasurer Report** given by Peggy.Farah (Statement to follow demonstrating approximately $20,000 in resources.

**Summary of Cookie Packing**: About 48 families showed up. About 130 boxes were packed and shipped that date. Shipping was about $3.50 per box on the shipping through Delta (due to a connection from Payton Cook). Payton Richards,'13, picked up the boxes at the airport and got them to USAFA.

**All Academy Ball**- Becky. $1,125 was raised. Air Force was the biggest group represented. Next year it will be on Saturday, Dec 28, 2013. It will be moved to the Wayzata Country Club due to space needs. Looking for Air Force items for the auction. Also looking for a President for the ceremony. Looking for more parents to be on the planning committee as USAFA reps. In previous years the MN Parents Club donated $500 dollars to the event. The group is hoping this can continue.

**Web Site**- transition made to Sherry Herrala. (Sherry (and Steve) were out of town and therefore not at meeting). Sherry is now maintaining the website. Club is still looking for a web publisher. (Someone to put the forms on the website and to keep all forms current.)

Facebook is now current. Sherry set this up as private, All members requested to request access.

**Mom's Overnight** - February 23. Sherrie Dahlin. This will be the 8th year. Email has been sent to all Parent Club members to RSVP. The play this year is about Johnny Cash. Contact Sherrie or Cindy Miller with questions. Flyer emailed on Feb 1,

**Spring Banquet** – Jean Cady gave report. The banquet is on April 27th.

Volunteer sign up passed around. Questions asked to the group regarding the continuation of the silent auction and the monetary gifts to seniors.

**Guest Speaker**: Darrell introduced Lt. Colonel Thomas Zupanicich.

* Lt Colonel Tom Zupancich, USAFA '98, presented to the Parent Club members regarding AFSC (Air Force Speciality Code)/ Base Selection and other career choices.
* USAFA is character building with a purpose. It is bigger than any individual
* AFSC a designator that describes the career grouping, functional area, and qualification level of the personnel filling each position - a series of 4 alphanumeric characters.
* Career Group is the first number, Utilizations field is the second number, Functional area is the Letter, Qualification level is the final number
* Chemistry major is the required major for those interested in med school. 3.5 GPA is the minimum.
* handouts provided to meeting attendees:
* *Requirements for Each AFSC*
* *AFSC Quick Reference Guide*
* *CD of Guide*
* *Background Paper on USAFA AFSC Classification Process*
* AFSC is distributed on the needs of the Air Force and is based on the Cadet order of Merit
* The cadets have an opportunity to put in 6 final AFSC preferences in August before their senior year. It is important that they put in six. Otherwise if they are not granted one of the two they enter, the AF picks.
* AFSC's are released to the cadets in October of their senior year.
* Those who go to grad school usually get their choice of assignment. These are cadets with 3.8 GPA and higher. They are asked if they are interested.
* final thought: "Man's flight though life is sustained by the power of his knowledge"
* Answer to questions regarding flight school: If the cadet goes to pilot training and says it is too hard and quits the program, they will be dismissed from the AF and are billed for their education. They are not reclassified. This is a change from how it worked in the past. Cadets usually quit due to the extreme rigor. All days are 12 hrs minimum.
* Many handouts were provided including a CD of the AFSC material and the “Outcomes” manual. **Jeff Piehl,** from the Class of 2012 (Benjamin), made all of the CDs for us….Thank you Jeff!

**Upcoming Events:**

February 14 Parents Night Out, Kafe 421, Minneapolis

February 23 Mom's Night Out, Plymouth Playhouse

March 2 Club Meeting - Topic: graduation

March 14 Parents' Night Out, The Local, Minneapolis

April 6 Club Meeting

April 11 Parents' Night Out, Porter Creek Hardwood Grill, Burnsville

April 27 Spring Banquet, Olympic Hills, Eden Prairie

Adjourn at 11:40: Motion made and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Cady