



USAFA Parents Club of MN

Minutes of Saturday, October 3, 2020

Location: Stock and Barrel Club (Eagan)

The meeting of the USAFA Parents Club of MN (the "Club") was called to order starting at 9:30 am by Christine Hockman, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to the Howe family for helping coordinate this meeting location.

Minutes were not approved from the last meeting as there were a few corrections and John was not present at this meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Jackman was not present for a report.

Budget for 20/21 was discussed. With no banquet this year the club will need to make up for the loss, we are now about \$1000 short from other years. It was encouraged to have mentor families reach out to members to join. Jennifer Libby agreed to reach out to 2024 families.

There was discussion on what we could do for the Langan family. Dylan(21) will turn back for the year and will graduate in '22. The family still wants to be involved with the club, but for now, will be taken off the email list. The family does have a CaringBridge site to keep everyone updated. Sara Ahlquist did suggest that the club be open to hosting cadets who might come out to support Dylan, gift cards for dinners for the family can be sent as well as cards. A yard clean up date was in the works with Langan neighbors, more news to come about that event.

Event Updates:

- **Parents Night Out (PNO):** Jackie Maas thanked the Ahlquists for hosting the first PNO at their house, turnout was good despite the rain. Next PNO will be held at the Flying Cloud Airport hangar on October 8. Thank you to the Jackman family for finding this space for our event. Jackie is still looking for additional places to hold the upcoming month's PNOs. Given the current situation with Covid-19, the Club is finding alternatives that adhere to social distancing guidelines to ensure that everyone's level of comfort is being respected.

Club coins for Senior gifts were discussed. Matt Norman suggested having a pre-order for parents who might want to order more coins to give out as thanks, to grandparents,.... It was also discussed as we could use this as a fundraiser for the club. Matt will get more information out to the club so that we can order in time for the April Banquet.

Cookie Packing: Cookie packing will take place on November 21 to get the MN cadets some treats for the Thanksgiving holiday. This date was picked as no cadets are coming home until Christmas and this will allow them to enjoy the cookies before finals. Cookie packing will take place at the Lakeville Fire Station(thank you Mike Meyer). We are in need of a Delta employee to help us get a discount on shipping the cookies. Sara, Christine and Erik will be sending out more information on the event soon. With only two active 21 families in the club, and one of

those Seniors out of country this fall, we will be looking for some 22 cadets to help distribute cookies to the squadrons once they are delivered to the Academy.

Minnesota Night: Per USAFA, our 04 Feb 2020 date is tentative only. There was discussion on how we can hold this event/modify the dinner if the current restrictions are not lifted at the Academy (current limit of 100 total people at an event), or if they cancel State nights for the Spring. The group stated it would be important to continue planning the event as money has already been raised for the 21 MN night. We also have some parents from South/North Dakota fundraising for this event as these cadets were invited last year. Christine Hockman is going to send out an email looking for help with Minnesota Night fundraising and volunteering at the event.

Auxiliary Memberships: Jackie Maas is still working on the different levels of auxiliary memberships. There was discussion on if aux members would have access to the Facebook page, get emails on club news, start a newsletter from the club or a gift (coin or bumper sticker) for joining. It was said that this might be a good idea for families to advertise at HS grad parties as family/friends may want to contribute towards the graduate. Payment options other than PayPal were discussed and possible options for alumni family sponsorships.

Cards were sent around the group to sign for cadets who have birthdays this month. Thank you Denise for coordinating this committee. More help is needed if you would like to donate your time.

Banquet(AOG Founder's Day dinner) will be held May 1st. 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.

Cadet Sharing

Next meeting will take place after cookie packing on November 2st, there will be no meeting on November 7th.

The meeting ended at 11:30am

Minutes by Bob Hockman
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