



## **USAFA Parent's Club of MN**

**Minutes of Saturday, September 19, 2020**

**Location: Maple Grove Arboretum**

The meeting of the USAFA Parent's Club of MN (the "Club") was called to order starting at 10:39 am by Christine Hockman, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motioned was made by Mike Meyer to approve the May minutes. Sara Ahlquist seconded the motion. May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Jackman provided the Treasurer's report. Key highlights of the report were that few expenditures have occurred due to limited activity and the financials are strong with approximately \$3,800 in the account.

Air Force Admissions Liaison Update: Grant McCall, Academy Liaison Officer (ALO), shared that the current focus is on the Class of '25 from an ALO perspective. Grant shared the challenges that the Class of '25 is having: 1) unlike other universities, the Academy is not waiving ACT/SAT, 2) virtual interviews, 3) no on-site visits and 4) lack of traditional "Academy Night" through the Congressional offices. Grant asked how the Cadets are doing and offered his assistance if anyone needed to reach out to him.

### **Event Updates:**

- Summer Picnic: Sandy Soukup shared that the event went well. Approximately 40 individuals signed up for the picnic. Attendees had ample time to interact and that raffle was a success.
- Parents Night Out (PNO): Jackie Maas described PNO to the new members of the Club. PNO is an opportunity for our members to socially interact in more informal settings such as restaurants, viewing a game, etc. 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. September and October locations have been identified and Club will need to find locations for November, December, and January. Next PNO events are the following:
  - Ahlquist house gathering (outside) on September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Flying Cloud Hanger (Eden Prairie) on October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Gifts: Christine Hockman provided an updated (given Matt Norman's absence) on giving graduating Cadets commemorative coins as gifts in lieu of a monetary gift which has been the tradition. Initial cost of the coins would be \$25 per coin and cost would go down as more coins are purchased. Discussion occurred regarding merit of having coins versus a monetary gift. Sara Ahlquist motioned for Club to gift graduating Cadets coins and for Club to proceed with acquiring coins. Jennifer Libby seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- MN Night: Jennifer Sawyer informed the Club that February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is being held as the date but that the event will probably not happen. Christine Hockman shared that the Academy may limit the event to 100 people and that it would be prudent to start thinking

about an alternative plan such as sending “goodie” bags to our Cadets. Lynn Jackman suggested to the Club that as it solicits donations for MN Night and in order to be flexible that donations should be asked to go to the Club’s genal fund.

- Facebook page/communication from the Club: Sarah Fournier shared with the new members that she updates the Club’s Facebook page. Sarah reminded the Club that content should not be shared outside of the Club. She also shared that if there is any content that any member wants to share to please contact her and she will help facilitate the posting of the information.
- Auxiliary Membership Opportunity: Jackie Maas shared a concept of creating an auxiliary membership that would help support the Cadets through monetary donations, in-kind donations, and volunteer activities. The high-level structure of auxiliary membership would be non-voting/parent meeting attending but would allow for attendance and participation in Club special events. Discussion ensued about specifics such as Facebook access, levels of sponsorship, etc. Topic was tabled for next meeting.
- Birthday Card Committee: Denise Metzler proposed a Birthday Card committee to send birthday cards to the Cadets. There was significant interest among the Club. John Uribe motioned to approve the Birthday Card Committee and the expenditure to send birthday cards to the Cadets. Brian Hockman seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- 2024 Class Representatives: Christine Hockman asked for 2 more family representatives to volunteer. Justin Kipp agreed to be a Representative and Andrea Komschlies tentatively agreed.
- Cookie Packing: Christine Hockman shared that event needs to be modified. Given Cadets modified schedule, cookie packing may need to be on November 21<sup>st</sup> this year. John Uribe shared that Blue Cross facility will be closed this year. Topic will be discussed later.
- 15 more (no motion required).
- Cadet Sharing took place.
- Next meeting will be on October 3rd.

The meeting then adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Uribe,  
Club Secretary

September 30, 2020