



USAFA Minnesota Parents Club



Minutes of Saturday, April 7, 2018

American Legion Hall, Apple Valley, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by the President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President and recited by all.

Air Force Liaison Officer (ALO) Lt. Col Grant McCall provided an update on appointees to the Class of 2022. In total, 26 were offered admission, 20 of whom have already accepted. Of the 20: 2 were from the AFA prep school, 5 woman, 7 athletes, 1 previous ROTC, 2 previous Falcon foundation (i.e. prep school and then re-applied to USAFA), 2 Eagle scouts. 20 to 24 admissions from Minnesota is about 'average', but the Minnesota ALOs have a goal to increase that number to 40 admits from Minnesota. Shortage of ALOs, and volunteers are encouraged (you do not have to be a USAFA grad or military to apply). If interested, please contact Lt. Col. McCall via email at grantwmccall@gmail.com

Banquet update - April 28th at Rush Creek, Maple Grove. 4 additional volunteers needed to sell raffle tickets, help a registration table and check people in. Discussed finances with AOG, and both groups decided to share expenses and profits from the event 50/50. Current confirmed count at 65 people, will grow to 150+ people based on past years. Speaker this year will 'coin' each of the appointees, name tags and napkins with class color (red), gift bags, orientation info, photographer for each appointee. There is also a request for more silent auction items. Also, looking at a new venue next year, and possibly a new format (buffet style vs. a serve dinner).

Cadet orientation - May 12th at Blue Cross on Yankee Doodle Road in Eagan. Request additional USAFA cadets to attend. If your cadet will be home and would like to attend to answer questions, please email Steve Gustafson, sfgustafson@gmail.com

Treasurer's report was provided. In particular: Minnesota Night at USAFA was a tremendous success. Additionally, the event made a profit of \$2254.08, plus put in place good infrastructure for next year along with positive comments from USAFA staff around the work done by the MN Parent's Club team - congrats! For next year: need to form committee; please meet with Treasurer after May parents meeting. Tentative date for MN Night will be Feb 7, 2019, and

perhaps some combo with AF hockey game (USAFA hockey coach attended MN Night and was very supportive of the event).

Fundraising Committee: Dave Blair provided an update on water bottle fundraising. 4 things: (1) Club made \$700 off online sales in 2017 from a landing page sponsored by the manufacturer vs. pre-ordering bottles which the Club had to purchase upfront. (2) Club agreed to sell the bottles at the orientation event on May 12th; (3) Club decided not to sell water bottles at the banquet; and, (4) the Club voted on and approved movement of the bottle sales to the USAFA website. Finally, please mail Dave if you want custom water bottle (with Class of 2018 crest) for graduation. Email: blair9499@msn.com

Transition to 2019 Club leaders: As follows:

Banquet: C2020 parents are requested to come to the banquet early (12n on Saturday, April 28th) to learn the process since you will be responsible for it next year

Picnic: to be chaired by Erik and Sara Ahlquist; event will continue at Purgatory Creek park in Eden Prairie, as has been the case in past years.

Membership committee: need a new chair for next next year

Website: it was discussed and agreed that the Club should solicit to have an additional website person who can then attend meetings and assist in website management

Finally, discussion was held of distribution of minutes and it was noted that as a non-profit minutes of the meetings need to be accessible. They will be posted to the website going forward.

Next, the Cadet Sharing took place by all, with a special focus on 2018 grads.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:30am.

Next Parent's meeting will be Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9am at American Legion in Apple Valley.

Events:

- Spring Banquet, April 28th @ Rush Creek. See email

- Cadet Orientation, May 12, need Cadets, contact Steve Gustafson if your cadet can attend, sfgustafson@gmail.com
- USAFA MN Club summer picnic date: July date TBD
- Parents Weekend at USAFA - Labor Day weekend