



USAFA Minnesota Parents Club

Minutes of Saturday, February 2, 2019

American Legion Post 1776, Apple Valley, MN 55124

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Brett Wharton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Suzanne Wharton, co-President, and recited by all.

Minutes from the November 2018 meeting were previously sent to all members via email. Suzanne Wharton asked if there were any questions or changes, and hearing none: a motion was made by Steve Gustafson to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Suzanne Wharton and the minutes were approved by voice vote of all attendees.

Treasurer's report: Wendy Ojala presented, as follows:

- The Club has a Ending Cash Balance of \$19,227.26, of which \$4,601.63 is reserved for the State Night activity at USAFA, \$10,000.00 is being held in Reserve, and \$4,625.63 is Cash Available. This is down slightly from the Cash Available amount of \$4,721.09 as of Dec 31, 2018, and due to various normal activities.
- The Club has approximately \$4,601.63 in cash for State Night plus approximately \$10,000 in prizes and gifts. The overall goal is \$15,000.00 so we are on-track with this event to be held on 2/28/19.

Additional topics were discussed, including the following:

- Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO) Update: Lt. Col. Grant McCall provides an update on admissions activities for USAFA in Minnesota. There are 25 ALOs covering the state. There were a total of 78 candidate applications submitted from Minnesota for the Class of 2023, with 3 offers of admission made to date with rolling admissions taking place. Decisions will be forthcoming over the next 6 weeks.
- All Academy Ball -- 3 AF cadets and their families attended.
- Minnesota Night – The date has been confirmed as Feb 28, 2019, from 5-7:30pm at Arnold Hall at USAFA. The budget calls for \$10,000 in cash and \$5,000 in prizes. As of this meeting, \$3,175 had been received in cash donations and \$1,200 in prize donations. It was suggested that all parents help with cash and price donations, and use the purpose of the event to help generate more donations. It was also stated that the purpose of Minnesota Night at USAFA is to provide a respite and fun night for Minnesota cadets and one additional guest. There is a need for parents both in Minnesota and at USAFA the day before the event (Feb 27th) and the day of the event (Feb 28th) starting at 10am for set up.

- The new appointee/ AOG Banquet will be held this year at a new venue: The Best Western Premier in Burnsville. The date will be April 27th, 2019. As has been the case the past couple of years, this event will be held in conjunction with the Minnesota AOG and their Heritage Dinner.
- The new cadet orientation will tentatively be held on May 18, 2019 from 9-11am at Blue Cross Minnesota, 1750 Yankee Doodle in Eagan (same venue as previous years). This should coincide with a 96 hour leave for all cadets, so we should encourage at least 1 cadet from each class to attend to meet the incoming cadets - please contact the Ahlquist's if your cadet can attend. The Parent's Club can reimburse up to \$1,000 total for any cadets coming back to share their experiences.
- Parent's Night Out – To be held on Feb 21st at 6:30pm at Morgan's Farm to Table. Also, Jill Bruns, the current coordinator for Parent's Night Out is asking for a new volunteer to take over starting in September of 2019.
- The USAFA Women's Swim Team will be in Minnesota for the Mountain Conference championships on February 20-23, 2019
- Recognition for the Class of 2022 will take place this year on March 7-9.

At this point, Jeff and Jill Foss provided an excellent presentation covering USAFA Graduation Week. They have provided both [the Powerpoint they presented](#), as well as [a booklet](#) created for their son Nathan (class of 2017) covering his grad week. Question and answers took place throughout, and the information was much appreciated by the club members.

The Club then participated in Cadet sharing with each attendee speaking.

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A.R. Weiler,
Club Secretary

February 12, 2019