



USAFA Minnesota Parents Club

Minutes of Saturday, April 6, 2019

Grandstay Hotel and Conference Center, Apple Valley, MN 55124

The meeting was called to order starting at 9:22am by Linda Boyd, President who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The delay was due to a last minute location change to the Grandstay Hotel and Conference Center in Apple Valley.

March 2019 meeting minutes were sent to the Club prior to the meeting. Linda asked if there were any comments or changes, and hearing none: a motion was made by Sue Jantscher to approve the minutes, with a second by Brett Wharton. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report: Wendy Ojala was absent, however the Treasurer's report was provided. Cash available declined very slightly month-over-month from \$3,963.29 to \$3,957.57. Main receipts included \$440 received for Membership Fees and \$1,833.82 for State Night deposits. Major expenses were \$145.70 for administrative expenses, \$300 for a gambling license for the City of Burnsville to cover the raffle related to the Spring Banquet, and \$2,454.74 for State Night expenses.

The following additional updates were provided:

Spring Banquet: Christine Warner discussed the event, to be held on April 27th at the Best Western Premier in Burnsville. The deadline for registration is April 19th, and Christine asked for notification of any individual recognition. The AOG asked the Parent's Club to participate in a speaker's gift, which was approximately \$500 and split 50/50 with the AOG. The donation was to be made on behalf of the speaker, Lt. General Silvieri, to the Minnesota Military Fund. A motion was made by Suzanne Wharton to approve the expenses, with a second by Linda Boyd. The motion passed on unanimous voice voice.

Parent's Night Out: To be held on April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at Christos, 15600 Highway 7, Minnetonka, MN 55345, tel: 952-912-1000. Please contact Jill Bruns to RSVP if you will attend.

New Cadet Orientation: To be held on May 18th, 2019 from 9-11am at the Blue Cross Conference room, 1750 Yankee Doodle Road, Eagan, MN (enter midway down the building on the west-facing side).

Mom's Prayer Group: To be held on April 16, 2019 at the home of Joey Drake, 1336 Ithilien, Excelsior, MN 55331. On May 7th, 2019, it will be held at the home of Leslie Norman, 19526 Iredell Court, Lakeville, MN, and then on August 11, 2019, initially at the home of Kathy Orner, 499 Quinlan Ave. South, Lakeland, MN with prayer taking place from 1-2pm and then a cruise on the St. Croix River from 2-4pm.

Summer Picnic: to be held on July 27, 2019 from 5-9pm at the Purgatory Creek Park Pavilion, 13001 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN. More information will be sent in early summer.

Open Position: Parent's Night Coordinator. Please let Suzanne Wharton know if interested, and this does not require a lot of work..

AOG membership: Sue Jantscher then encouraged parents of graduates to join the AOG, which is free and very simple. Sue further stated that the partnership between the Minnesota Parent's Club and the local AOG is unique, and provides a role model for the rest of the U.S. in terms of a collaborative relationship.

Congratulatory Ad for Graduating Cadets: Patti Blair then discussed the plan to purchase a congratulatory ad for all Minnesota graduating cadets in the USAFA yearbook. There was discussion and a decision was made to not move forward with the Club buying an ad by way of a motion from Kathy Nistler, a second from Linda Mohagen and a unanimous voice vote.

At this point, Thor Osteboe, 1990 USAFA graduate, spoke to the Club. Commander Osteboe shared that he was cross commissioned with the Navy, and some of his unique experiences including as:

- Operational Test Director and Test Pilot with the US Navy from 1990 to 2012, including flying on/off aircraft carriers
- Officer in Charge of the Copperhead UAV (drone) Detachment in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011
- Operational Test Director for IDECM, the Defense Electronic Countermeasures suite for the new FA-18E/F Super Hornet

A brief Question and answer then took place, and finally everyone thanked Commander Osteboe for his presentation.

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

Finally, Linda reminded Club members that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at The American Legion Post, 14521 Granada Drive Apple Valley, MN.

With all business complete, the meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

A.R. Weiler,
Club Secretary

April 28, 2019