

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
PARENTS' CLUB OF MINNESOTA MEETING
March 4, 2006
Metropolitan Airport Commission**

ATTENDEES:

Debbie Anderson, Peg & Mark Backes, Marilyn Benson, Judy & Rick Biddle, Chris & Dwight Dyrud, Pat Fadgen, Les Gagner, Patrice & Kent Klayum, Deb Martenson, Linda Paschka, Heidi & Jon Stignani, Karen Tangen, Linda & Darrell Tamosuinas, Teresa Whitson

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 10:20 a.m. by Debbie Anderson.

MINUTES of the February 4, 2006 meeting were distributed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jon Stignani reported that the current balance is \$4,722.70 after check outstanding. We have a better balance than this time last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Position Openings

Newsletter – needs replacement for Kris and Les Gagner. Newsletter comes out four times per year, mailed out to parents – still OPEN. If no volunteer steps forward, Kris and Les Gagner will put out two newsletters next year. One after Parents' Weekend and one in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Graduation Gifts/Bios – Debbie will send out information regarding bios for the graduation posters. Les would prefer photos for the newsletter before they are affixed to the posterboards. The Minnesota Parents' Club is still planning to give each graduate a pen/pencil set along with a \$50.00 bill. The prep school graduates/parents will get a "gift bag" at the spring social along with other appointees.

Spring Social – April 29, 2006 at Hazeltine National Golf Course. Peg and Mark Backes said that everything is ready to go. Salad/bread will be delivered to each table, and then people will get their hot food from a buffet. There will also be a cake table for dessert.

Near the front door people will pick up their nametags. The banquet/speaker will be in a room with the fireplace; the silent auction/cash bar will be in an adjoining room. Meal price will be \$37.50/person. In the invitation, it will be written that outstate people may stay with club members in the Twin Cities to help cut down on the total cost of the social. The invitations will be mailed out around March 15.

So far, Peg and Mark have received \$690 in cash, and \$320 in gifts. A breakdown by class:

2006	3/25 families
2007	5/24 families
2008	2/27 families
2009	5/24 families

There was discussion about various items being either silent or live auction. The general consensus was that if an item was valued at over \$100 it would be placed on the live auction.

Linda and Darrell Tamosuinas discussed taking photos of the new appointee with the family. These pictures would be printed/framed and delivered to each table during the dinner.

Mabel will show up accompanied by the USAFA players. Cindy Mokos will be heading up the music portion of the skit; a song has already been written.

Mark articulated the amazing job Hazeltine had done with this event. They have been very generous. The \$800 room fee has been comped, food price is reasonable, and the \$100 bar set up is also reasonable.

The Air Force Academy will pay for Col. Billy Walker to fly out for the social.

Appointee Orientation June 3, 2006

Mark Backes discussed moving the date up earlier. Unfortunately, if that were to happen most likely zero cadets would be able to attend. The consensus was that having cadets present is a valuable resource for appointees and their parents. Tom Mattison, Parents' Club ALO, could be the speaker since the AFA will no longer provide travel money for other speakers.

Parents' Weekend

Again, there will be no home football game for Parents' Weekend. There will be no Minnesota tailgate. It was suggested, for people wishing to see a home football game, to try and attend the Navy game in early October.

Summer Picnic July 22, 2006

Pat Fadgen discussed the summer picnic plans. Shelter A at Ft. Snelling State Park has been reserved. It is the bigger shelter with the bathrooms attached. We will continue with the same menu: grilling with each family bringing a dish to share. We will need Don Ford's sound system; Kent Klayum will secure it. Additionally, it would be nice to have a couple cadets on leave attend the picnic to help the new families with any questions.

Update from USAFA

Debbie Anderson shared information from AFA.

- No cell phones while driving on any military base; only a hands-free system is allowed. This applies to civilians and military.

- Information on a 06 parents' mug
- Information on a 06 class crest
- Tom Mattison is in Detroit with Champion Air; he had nothing to share.
- Commissioning for the Class of 2006 will take place on campus between 6-8 a.m. the morning of graduation.

Teresa Whitson updated the club about her run for the Minnesota House of Representatives. She is encouraged about her candidacy. The endorsement convention will date place the night of the Spring Social.

Patrice Klayum mentioned that there is a possibility that the USAFA men's basketball team may come to Minnesota for the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The games will be March 14, 15, and 16. Volunteers are needed to host visiting families for the games. It was discussed that the Parents' Club will try to secure a block of tickets for the games.

Cadet Sharing

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55

UPCOMING EVENTS

Moms Night Out Thursday March 9, 2006 Ruby Tuesday
12900 Technology Dr. Eden Prairie
952.944.2800
7:00 p.m.

April – No Saturday morning meeting or Moms Night Out
Saturday April 29, 2006 Spring Social Hazeltine Golf Club

May 6, 2006 Parent's Club Meeting 10:00 a.m. at MAC

Mom and Dads Night Out Thursday May 11, 2006 TGIFridays
2201 Killebrew Dr.
Across from Mall of America
952-854-5112
7:00 p.m.

Call or email Patrice Klayum if you will be coming to Mom/Dad Night Out at 952.997.6325 or likelafn@aol.com

Marilyn Benson
Secretary