

**USAFA Parents' Club of Metropolitan St. Louis  
Minutes of October 18, 2009 General Membership Meeting**

1. Al Ludwig called the meeting to order at 2:45pm at the home of Kyle and Victoria McCarter in Lebanon, IL. Al Ludwig led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kyle McCarter gave the invocation.
2. Attendance:

Board Present:	Presidents	Al and Margo Ludwig
	Secretary/Treasurer	Tom and Beth Tracy
	2010 Class Reps	Kyle and Victoria McCarter
	2012 Class Reps	Tom and Carolyn Petry
	2013 Class Reps	Terry and Chris Zerr
Committees:	All Academies Ball	Cathy Shackelford
	Historian	Cathy Shackelford
	Fundraising Coordinator	Sara Wise
	Website Coordinator	Dan Harrier
	Mug Sales	Ann Ryherd
Absent:	2011 Class Reps	Steve and Laura Kuensting
	Birthday cards	Randy and Stephanie Lee

Club members present: Jan & Beth Schaeuble, Keith & Valerie Heien, Scott & Cindy Cusimano, Mike & Jamie Waddel, Lourdes Harrier, John Shackelford, Steve & Kim Dalrymple, Greg & Bonnie Prescott, John & Anita Gleason, Jim & Cindy Schneider, Bill & Cindy Wetzig, Doug Keck, Terry & Janice Shetley, Jeff & Celia Homsher.
3. Minutes from the August 9, 2009 General Membership meeting were presented. Al Ludwig moved to approve the minutes. Terry Zerr seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented. The bank balance as of October 18, 2009 is \$16,067.82. Copies of the Income/Expense Report and Treasurer's Report were provided and reviewed. Tom Petry moved to approve the report. Sara Wise seconded the motion. All present approved the report.
5. Class Rep reports:

2010	The McCarters welcomed all to their home and thanked the attendees for making the Halloween boxes a success.
2011	No report.
2012	No report
2013	No report
6. Committee Reports:
  - (a) All Academies Ball – Brigadier General Michelle Johnson (1981 graduate of USAFA) will be the speaker. We are still in need of someone for the invocation. The string quartet and disc jockey are hired. Boeing contributed \$4,100 for the event. The Officers' Spouses' Club also gave a donation. There will be no charge for our cadets. The ticket price is unchanged from last year at \$48 each. All agreed to mix the tables by

service to promote mingling. Laura Kuensting had designed an invitation that was passed around; suggestions were made. The plan is to print the invitations at Office Max to save \$300. The invitations will be sent out the first week in November with a RSVP by 12/9/09. The schedule for the Ball is: reception at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm. The program ends at 9pm. A room will be available for the female cadets to change into their evening gowns for the dancing portion of the evening. The gift for each cadet will be a coin (donated by USAA) that has Air Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard insignias on it. A separate coin will be presented to the Merchant Marine attendees. Coin holders will also be a part of the gift. Dori Ludwig and Theresa Tracy (sisters of two of our cadets) have volunteered to take pictures at the Air Force tables. A professional photographer will also be available.

- (b) Historian – Cathy Shackelford solicited the need for pictures; hard copy or sent by email. The minimum size by email is 56k. Anyone interested in becoming Historian for next year should talk to Cathy.
- (c) Fundraising Coordinator – 16 parents worked the American Idol event earning the Club \$437. Sara Wise is anticipating \$600 from the Blues Hockey game on October 10, 2009 at which 14 club members volunteered. The next event is November 21, 2009; so far 9 are signed up to work. The Class of 2011 has had the most (10) volunteers; the Class of 2012 has had 8; the 2010 and 2013 classes are tied with 7 each. Don't forget to complete the online alcohol awareness test in order to volunteer. The attire is: white shirt, black pants and black shoes. Now the policy is to lock up coats and purses in lockers. Thus far, 2 people are signed up for January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- (d) Website Coordinator – Dan will be happy to post information about the All Academies Ball on our website.
- (e) Mug Sales – flyers were handed out at Parents' Weekend. Thirteen mugs have been sold to date. All mug sale information has gone out to other Parents' Club presidents.
- (f) Birthday cards – no report

#### 7. Old Business:

- (a) Parents Weekend – a good turnout. Jackie Harrier was the Falconer at the half-time show. The Parents' Club presidents had a reception Wednesday night and a conference on Thursday. Al and Margo reported on infrastructure improvements being planned at the Academy. USAFA is now on Twitter and Facebook: our own Andrea Wise has been involved in this project. Parents were also notified that squadron newsletters would be available by email.
- (b) We discussed the difficulties obtaining the names of new nominees and appointees.

#### 8. New Business:

- (a) December Finals gifts for Cadets – Carolyn Petry motioned that \$20 Chipotle gift cards be purchased. Cathy Shackelford seconded the motion. All approved.

(b) We are in need of Freshman parents who are interested in helping on the All Academies Ball committee. The first meeting for the next Ball will be in July, 2010.

9. Upcoming Activities:

- (a) November 21 – Blues hockey game; be at Scottrade at 5pm
- (b) December 26 – the All Academies Ball
- (c) January 2- Blues hockey game
- (d) January meeting – this will be hosted by Terry and Chris Zerr on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7pm.
- (e) February 6 – Blues hockey game
- (f) March – the Spring meeting does not have a date set yet; location is Our Lady of Snows.
- (g) March 21 – Blues hockey game

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Tracy  
(Secretary)