

**USAFA Parents' Club of Metropolitan St. Louis
Minutes of January 24, 2010 General Membership Meeting**

1. Al Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:50pm at the home of Terry and Chris Zerr in Wildwood, MO. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Cathy Shackelford gave the invocation. Yvette Oljenik asked for a special intention for Bill Wetzig who is hospitalized in intensive care (John's father).

2. Attendance:

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

Club Members present: Jim & Cindy Schneider, John & Yvette Olejnik, Barbara Paddock, Lourdes Harrier, John Shackelford.

3. Minutes from the October 7, 2009 General Membership meeting were presented. Jim Schneider moved to approve the minutes; John Olejnik seconded the motion. All approved the minutes.
5. The Treasurer's Report was presented. The bank balance as of January 24, 2010 is \$16, 182.20. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were provided and reviewed. Net loss of \$311.55 for current fiscal year. Sara Wise moved to approve the report; Chris Zerr seconded the motion. All approved the report.
6. Class Rep reports:

2010	No report. Victoria McCarter had fun delivering the Halloween boxes in person.
2011	Laura & Steve Kuensting not present. They need 10 pictures from each senior cadet to compose the DVD for The Graduate Recognition Lunch. Invitations have been sent out by email. Please RSVP by March 7 th and mail Laura a check.
2012	Physical fitness tests are coming up & are to be more challenging. Need a class rep replacement as the Petry's are moving to Connecticut by March.
2013	No report.

1. Committee Reports:

- (a) All Academies Ball – Cathy Shackelford reported that all went well. She thanked her committee. Scott Cusimano did a great job as emcee. Cindy Cusimano found Father Jim for the invocation. Brig. General Michelle Robinson, USAFA '81, was

a great speaker and was well received by the cadets/midshipmen. There is a \$3,100 balance in the All Academy Ball bank account to pass on to Army for next year's Ball. "Change-over" meeting is in 2 weeks. Susan Smith-Army Parents' Club- is in charge for 2010. You can go on-line to cindysphotos.com to order cadet pictures from the Ball. Pictures will be taken down from website in February. Looking for a 4th degree parent to replace Cathy on All Academy Ball Committee.

- (b) Historian – Cathy Shackelford thanked Theresa Tracy and Dori Ludwig for taking photos by table @ the Ball. Cathy needs a replacement.
- (c) Fundraising Coordinator – Sara & Phil Wise were to attend a mandatory Scottrade meeting on 1/21/10 but missed due to illness. The dates and stands are assigned on a first-come, first served basis. Next event is Blues Game 2/6/10. Scottrade now assigns priority based on when they receive the final roster of those working an event. \$50 penalty per person if someone doesn't show up. Can ADD people at last minute. Beginning to train groups to be their own stand managers. Keep track of spoiled items like beer cups and food trays. Inaccurate counts or spoilage is taken out of our profit and can amount to \$100 or more/night. Sara does not want to be a stand manager-too much responsibility, have to be at every event.
 - i. Sara asked for a fundraising assistant to help her.
 - ii. Carolyn Petry suggested we find out how other Parents' Clubs fundraise.
 - iii. Revenue per parent working is down to \$50 a night; total revenue down to \$500/night. Was \$80/person/night and \$800/night in previous years. Chrissie Lewis, our volunteer contact, resigned in December.
- (d) Website Coordinator – Dan Harrier said no changes recently. Our site is filled with photos, forms, links to other Parent Club fundraisers, etc. The email address is: www.usafapcstl.org. The Minutes of meetings and Treasurer's reports are also on the web site. Dan is looking for a replacement but is willing to keep the job.
- (e) Mug Sales – Ann Ryherd reported that 96+mugs have been sold; \$1750 revenue. \$250 in expenses.

Post Office raised postage rates so we need to increase the shipping charge from \$5 to \$5.25 for 1-3 mugs, \$4/mug for 4-6 mugs and \$3/mug for 7 or more mugs. Only one mug out of 100 shipped has broken and had to be replaced.
- (f) Birthday Cards – No report. Check with your cadets to see if they have received one.

2. Old Business:

- (a) Finals Gifts for Cadets were \$20 Chipotle gift cards. These were mailed to each cadet. Several cadets sent thank you's to the Ludwig's.

3. New Business:

- (a) Valentine's Day Gifts - Motion made to again order 2 dozen assorted cookies through the Colorado Parents Club. 1st by Carolyn Petry; 2nd by Victoria McCarter. All approved.
- (b) Recognition Gifts for 2013 Cadets – Hollywood Movie Theatre \$15 gift cards. 1st by Cathy Shackelford; 2nd by Carolyn Petry. All approved.
- (c) 2010 Polaris Yearbook Ad-congratulatory message from the Club, 1/8 page for \$90. 1st by Carolyn Petry, 2nd by Terry Zerr. All approved.

- (d) Ring Dance Contribution: there has been no request from the Class of 2012; Motion to give \$15/cadet if asked. 1st by Tom Tracy, 2nd by Cathy Shackelford. All approved.
- (e) Doolie Brunch-
 - i. Sunday June 6, 2010
 - ii. Confirm with Scott AFB Officers Club-Al will call. Need a club member to make reservation. Need a bigger room to eat in.
- (f) Cadet Nominee get-togethers
 - i. Other clubs such as Illinois get list of nominees from their legislators and have a get-together with the nominees and their families and parents' club.
 - ii. Purpose is to answer questions to help prepare for BCT.
 - iii. Another idea is to link nominees with a cadet.
 - iv. Al & Margo are going to Chicago in mid-February to attend a meeting
 - v. Tentative plan is a meeting on 2/28/2010 @ a restaurant for our club, nominees.
- (g) Flowers for Bill Wetzig. Yvette Olejnik gave an update on his condition. Motion to spend up to \$50 for flowers; 1st by Yvette, 2nd by Sara Wise. All approved. Victoria McCarter will order the flowers (done 1/25/10).
- (h) 2010-11 Club Officer Nominations
 - i. President
 - ii. 2011 Class Rep
 - iii. 2012 Class Rep
 - iv. All Academy Ball
 - v. Historian
 - vi. Website
 - vii. Fundraising Asst.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. 1st by Tom Tracy, 2nd by Chris Zerr

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Tracy
(Secretary)