

WAFAPA Fall Meeting Minutes

Curly's Pub, Green Bay WI, October 1, 2011

- Membership- Lynne Trochlil reported that on 10/1/11 there were 47 active members, (since that time, three memberships have been updated) membership is currently at 50. Life Members total 146. *Additional information available upon request.*
- Treasurers Report – Nancy Mueller
 - Final proceeds from Picnic/Auction may be down slightly due to the change of date and class size. Funds collected: \$2,756.00.
 - After expenses and the purchase of next years Falcon; proceeds collected \$818.00.
 - Deposit was made on the Pfister for the Air Force sponsored 2012 Ball.
 - Bank account totals were given and approved.
- Falcon Statue- Report given by Christie Gilly, WAFAPA took a new approach to the drawing this year with tickets being sent via e-mail as “print and return”. Saving greatly on postage and printing as only a few us mail tickets were sent to life time members. It was agreed upon that the drawing for 2012 would continue in the same manner. – *A volunteer is needed for the 2012 drawing.*
- Grad Gifts- Sandy Pelc reported that she has been in contact with membership and has the contact information to obtain the class crest and will notify the 2012 family's for correct spellings. Information will then be forwarded to appropriate people.
- Ball Report- Melanie Bathurst has reported the following:
 - Save the date: December 28, 2012, at the Pfister, Milwaukee
 - A block of rooms have been saved at a great rate.
 - *Volunteers are needed*, everyone is requested to participate in the planning of the event, and a sheet was passed for participation.
 - Donations are the biggest part of the Ball planning; please think of ways to collect funds from business partners.
 - Melanie also had a prototype fundraiser, to be used as a WAFAPA fundraiser, or thank you for a Ball Donation.
- Website Update- was given by Bob Liedl, the WI web-guy. Feel free to support the website with cadet information and/or pictures of cadet events. The site is only as good as we make it; please remember to forward information to either the president or Bob.
- Commitment Flags- Ann Dowden reported that the 2011, 2012 and 2013 classes have been offered the opportunity to purchase commitment flags, getting WAFAPA caught up on flags. Chris Drephal has volunteered to coordinate commitment flags for 2012.
- Jodi & Bill Wiesneski have volunteered to coordinate the Fall North Meeting for 2012.
- Sherri & Jeff Bucher have volunteered to coordinate the Picnic/Auction for 2012
- Elizabeth & Polk Burleson have volunteered to be the 2012-2013 Vice Presidents

- A \$250.00 donation to the 2011 WAFAPA Rando Fund was agreed upon by members.
- Orientation for 2012, Class of 2016 has been set and confirmed by the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee for 6/9/12. Col. Walker will again be our guest speaker~ everyone is welcome!
- It was agreed that a donation of \$100.00 would be made to the Notre Dame/Air Force tailgate on behalf of WI cadets participating in Drum and Bugle corps.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in club events as well as encouraging others to join WAFAPA. Looking forward; 2015 families are needed to welcome new families once the club is notified, please consider this as an opportunity to share knowledge and a smile with nervous families.
- Parents Weekend Presidents report, Christie Gilly and Melanie Bathurst attended the meeting and reported that – Everyone who works at the Academy loves their job! On a serious note, the afternoon program concentrated on the risk of suicide at the Academy. Events from 2010 were addressed as well as the Academies desire to inform everyone that plans, programs, and people are available for anyone at risk. An important message was presented: if you question “Have you had thoughts of hurting yourself” and the answer is “no” the question will not suggest the idea. If you ask that same question to someone who has, a conversation is likely to ensue. Watch for personality or study changes, don’t be afraid to bring up the conversation if the one you love is depressed and stressed out, contact friends to check in, if needed contact other WAFAPA families for a WI check in. Stress and the lack of sleep are just two factors of suicide; the Academy like other colleges know those two factors will not change.
- Continued coordination of events and support with the ALO and AOG is desired.

The event was completed with an Air Force overtime win over Navy!

Go Air Force Beat Army! Don’t forget the Game is on CBS at 2:30 on 11/5/11.

Sincerely,
Christie Gilly