

5 Jan 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

The 2019 Southern Arizona USAFA AOG chapter's annual business meeting was held at Union Public House at 1600 (that means 4 o'clock PM) on the 5th of January, 2020.

Members present:

Jeff Orr ('92)	President
Warren Priddy ('74)	Secretary/Treasurer
Bob ('64) and Winnie Coburn	Board of Directors
Mike ('75) and Diane Buckley	Board of Directors
Dorsey Price ('66)	Board of Directors
Bill Roberts ('65)	Board of Directors
Len Summers ('76)	Member at Large

a. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting:

N/A

b. Financial Report:

The bank account currently has \$997 in it. It's making roughly \$.85 per year in interest and it costs \$8 per year in fees.

c. President's report

N/A

d. Committee reports

N/A

e. Old business

N/A

f. New business

-The members present unanimously voted to keep all of the current board members and officers in their current positions for 2020

-The members present unanimously voted to hold Founder's Day 2020 at a location and time TBD based on securing a speaker from the USAFA leadership team. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the Arizona USAFA Parent's Club and the Arizona ALOs and

appointees to the classes of '24 and '25. The chapter will reach out to legacy class graduates from '74 and '75 to have them present a gift to the new appointees.

Volunteers are requested to comprise the Founder's Day Steering Committee:

--Committee chair: Responsible for the function overall

--Planning chair: Responsible for working with the venue to solidify the details of the event itself

--Communication chair: Responsible for working with chapter members, the parents' club, and the ALOs to get the word out on the event and to solicit corporate sponsorship and donations to fund the event

Any member of the "Air Force Academy Family" or friends of USAFA are welcome to join the committee. POC: Jeff Orr

-We agreed that one of the most important duties of an AOG chapter is to recognize kids with the potential to attend the Academy and then mentor them toward that goal. A future newsletter will contain information highlighting opportunities for kids to receive exposure to USAFA. POC: Jeff

-Warren Priddy will touch base with the Community Food Bank to determine when would be a good time to schedule a chapter event there. POC: Warren

-Len Summers volunteered to lead the charity committee which at this point includes the traditional chapter efforts with Habitat for Humanity and the Community Food Bank. Future options include Ronald McDonald House and Boys and Girls Clubs. We agreed that our focus should be on arranging one-day events that chapter members can support en masse. Aside from the good that a community service event like that creates, the hope is that some members will become attached to the particular charity and continue to support it individually. POC: Len

-Someone asked the question if donations to Founder's Day could be tax deductible through the AOG's status as a 501c (3). POC: Jeff

-Winnie Coburn suggested that a local resort, Ventana Canyon in particular, could be a good place to host Founder's Day. POC: Jeff

-Warren mentioned that he could take potential cadet candidates to fly the A-10 simulator on a case by case basis. POC: Warren

-Jeff highlighted some statistics of the chapter e-mail database: The list consists of the names, e-mail addresses and physical addresses (in some cases) of USAFA grads who previously have offered that information to the AOG. The AOG prepares geographical reports for chapters by request. Currently, there are approximately 440 names on the chapter list. Just over 400 of those are active subscribers. The open rate for e-mails is roughly 50% for any given message.

-Class Representative Program: Every graduating class is represented in the database, and the distribution is remarkably even per class. An idea developed to create a Class Representative program in which a volunteer from each class would be the representative and touch base with his or her classmates to ensure that they're aware of opportunities and events within the chapter. POC: Jeff

-The AOG provides the Weebly platform to chapters to create their own websites. They also host the websites for free. Jeff started to build the website this past summer but couldn't get it over the finish line. Bill Roberts volunteered to take it off his hands and finish it. POC: Bill Roberts

- The Coburns graciously volunteered their home to be the location for the next board meeting, time TBD.

g. Adjournment