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Location: VFW Post 5555 6715 Lake Shore Drive South Richfield, MN 55423

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance. 1730
- 2) Establish a quorum. (5 Board members present) Established
Members present: Curt Brown, Tom Wilson, Mike Riess, Rick Knoll, Terry Flower, Jason VanOverbeke, Bob Hockman (phone in), Parents Club Bryan Olson, Stella Sick
- 3) Introduction of all present. (as necessary): N/A
- 4) Approve minutes of last meeting – Approved
- 5) CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Upcoming Events / Business
 - i. **Quarterly Speaker** (Terry): Dec 11, Terry will be giving his presentation on the history, scripture and science behind the Star of Bethlehem. Richfield VFW. Feb speaker looking at possibility of Jim Johns joining us again for his Pearl Harbor presentation.
 - ii. **Scotch Tasting** (Terry): Look for details for the very popular Scotch Tasting coming in January.
 - iii. **Class Crest Fundraiser** (Tom): Continuing to work with National AOG, shared with Parents Club. So far only one order. Details on fall newsletter on TCA AOG website.
 - iv. **Heritage Dinner Speaker** (Tom): Looking at bringing a local connection with DLH MN Guard Commander, alternate options a Commander from the AFSOC community or USAFA Supt.
 - v. **Distinguished Chapter update** (Jason, Tom): Feedback was given to national AOG on the requirements for Distinguished Chapter, maybe reducing requirements.
 - vi. **New Treasurer** (Rick): Rick would like to step down from the Treasurer position. Mike Riess has said he will consider taking over the position.
 - vii. **Motion to donate:** Holbrook Farms \$1,000; Wreaths Across America \$500, pay Dave for web hosting costs. Moved by Tom, Jason seconded, all voted in favor.
 - viii. **New Items / Open Discussion:** Rick suggested putting together a fundraising letter strictly for our dependent scholarship program that could be sent out from National AOG. Because National AOG no longer shares grad contact information with local chapters due to privacy concerns, our TCA AOG ability to maintain contact with local grads continues to be reduced as our old contact list becomes less accurate as time passes. Last year we offered two scholarships of \$500. Our goal is to be able to offer two scholarships of \$5,000. All scholarships donations are used exclusively for the scholarship program.
 - b. Event Recaps
 - i. **Veterans Day Dinner** (Terry): We had another enjoyable dinner at Mancini's. 26 attendees. Feedback was Mancini's remains a great location with great service. We had no younger grads (2007 and younger) take advantage of the discount.
 - ii. **AF-Army viewing party** (Jason): Our AF group organized this game (Navy organized the Navy game). We had a good turnout, and the Richfield VFW location worked well. Going forward, the joint viewing parties are probably the best way to

put together an event and meet some of the other Academy grads and Parent Club members.

c. Financial Status (Rick) and Banking Update:

Financial plan for Chapter: Reviewed planned expenses for upcoming year, including costs of Chapter events/expenses (internet, sending rep to USAFA for President's Conference) and previous/planned donations to Saber Society, Dependent Scholarships, Falcon Foundation, Wreaths Across America, Folds of Honor, Holbrook Farms and ALO support.

\$16521.69 – Total Checking/Savings

6) OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Facebook/Website Status (Bob): Previous hosting costs were paid for by a grad, looking at consolidating those costs into our budget.
- b. Education Website (Terry): Updates on website needed, Terry will update
- c. ALO Program: No updates
- d. Young-er Grad engagement (Terry): Cutting event costs for 2007 and younger grads for activities hasn't brought in many younger grads. Plan to continue discounts and look for more options for engagement.
- e. Parents Club Liaison (Bob): Parents Club shared their activities. They put together Holiday cards and gift cards for the cadets at the Nov meeting. The Holiday cookie packing was delayed to sometime in Jan. Every year the Parents Club gets together, packs cookie boxes for MN cadets, and a Delta employee has helped get free or reduced shipping that same afternoon out to CO to get the cookies to the cadets. This year it is a short time frame between Thanksgiving and finals so instead a package from home during the Dark Ages will bring some MN sunshine. A grad and Parent Club member has suggested we send congrats cards from our group to graduating cadets. This year should have 15-16 grads from MN and the local WI area.
MN All-Service Academy Ball – 28 Dec MGen John Olson (Ret) '92, has volunteered to serve as President of the Mess, filling the position with an AF rep for the first time in several years. Thanks! usafaparentsclubofmn@gmail.com
<https://www.mnacademyball.org/>
- f. News Letter (Tom): Plan in Feb

Meeting Adjourned: 1834 hrs – Curt motion, seconded

Next Meeting — December 17, 2024

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