

# West Point Parents' Club of Northern Illinois

## WPPC-IL Conference Call Meeting Minutes

16 Jan 2018

**Attendance:** Trisha Bottarini, MaryAnn McGerty, Tammy McMiller, Gretchen O'Connor, Lety Press, Danelle Sowatzke, and Brian Vander Yacht. Bill Ratzler was excused.

1. Call to order: 7:07 pm
2. Approved minutes from 11/14/2017 meeting, with correct of financial book balance. Moved by Trisha, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danelle, Approved.
3. Treasurer Report (Danelle):
  - a. Ending book balance on 12/31/17 was \$9036.61
  - b. Did not contribute to Term End Exam snacks in December (\$75). Will contribute \$150 for Spring TEE's.
4. Membership (Brian):
  - a. 81 members this academic year, compared to 80 last year. No new activity, do not expect more members for this AY.
  - b. Need to update membership directory based on feedback.
5. Field Force Liason:
  - a. Gretchen is filling in for Bill.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> round of appointments went out last week.
  - c. Class of 2023 portal is now open for appointees.
6. All Academy Ball (Tammy):
  - a. 350 attendees with 38 West Point Families.
  - b. Zach Sowatzke gave the Firstie Toast for West Point.
  - c. Questionnaire to attendees indicated more advanced notice and explanation of the "AAB" to Plebe Parents.
  - d. Thanks to Tammy for heading the Army effort at AAB.
7. Membership Survey (Tammy):
  - a. Expect to have a membership survey out by the end of January.
8. Election Committee (all new board members)
  - a. Planning to run again are Tammy, MaryAnn, Trisha, Danelle.
  - b. Brian will send last election communication documents to Trisha for review.
  - c. Letter to parents on nominations to be sent around 1 Feb.
  - d. Election the end of Feb.
  - e. Officer descriptions to be sent as well to get volunteers.
9. Firstie Brunch (Danelle):
  - a. Renaming "Hail and Farewell Lunch"
  - b. Encourage cadet candidate families to attend.
  - c. Date is Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Place is Shady Oaks Camp in Homer Glen, which is a camp for children and adults with disabilities.
  - e. Price is \$300 and it holds 100 people
  - f. We will need to cater the event.
  - g. Cost will be free for members, some contribution from non-members.
  - h. Liquor is a question to be investigated.
10. Boodle Party
  - a. Same location as last year.
  - b. Flyer to be sent very soon.
  - c. Date is Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Need member and non-member PO boxes.
11. Cadet Candidate Welcome Picnic

- a. Same location in Oak Brook as last year at their Central Park – West facility at 1500 Forest Gate Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523
  - b. Date is Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. Need to solicit current cadets to facilitate discussions.
12. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.
13. Meeting Adjourned by general acclamation at 8:17 pm.