

West Point Parents' Club of Washington
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Telephone Conference Call
7:30 PM

Members Present: Mary Ellen Mullen, Co-President; Garry Brown, Vice-President; Vicki Betterbed, Co-Treasurers, Nicolle Armstrong, Communications; Kevin Miller, Merchandise; David Graham, Webmaster, Donna Scheumann, Membership; Nancy Lorette, Mentorship; Tina Bean, Birthday Correspondence; and Vicki Odegaard, Secretary

Members Absent: Bo Woronowicz, Co-President and Tom Betterbed, Co-Treasurer

Call of Meeting to Order: Co-President, Mary Ellen Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reflection-Rev David Graham:

Quote: "The summit of Mt. Everest is marine limestone."

-John McPhee-

Co-President Business, Recommendations and Announcements--Mary Ellen Mullen

- Review of May 6, 2011 Teleconference Minutes completed and approved with minor revisions. David Graham has posted to WPPA-WA website.
- Mary Ellen Mullen recommended Firstie gifts be presented to Pamela Kirkwood and Rissberger Family. Ms. Kirkwood will be attending the Summer picnic and gifts can be presented at this event. Vicki Odegaard will mail Firstie gifts to the Rissberger Family at their Sammamish mailing address along with a sympathy card.
- Nicolle Armstrong, Vicki Odegaard, Paul Adelman, Stan and Donna Scheumann and Cory Stratton provided support during the June 5, 2011 Field Force Accepted Candidates Luncheon (ACL). Nicolle will provide a roster of luncheon attendees to Mary Ellen and Donna Scheumann. Comparing this roster will ensure that potential members are not overlooked.
- Mary Ellen shared that Deb Dalton, West Point Public Affairs, Parent Liaison, will validate 2-3 times per year most current Washington Cadet enrollment. Her assistance with Firstie Parent Recognition and Accepted Candidates for New Parent Seminar was invaluable in maintaining accurate rosters and correspondence.

Financial/Treasurer Report--Vicki Betterbed

- Vicki Betterbed has not received the bill from Fircrest Country Club for May Spring Parent Seminar. Garry Brown will adjust the bill with Fircrest and ensure that Vicki receives documentation to complete payment.
- The June 5th, Accepted Candidate Luncheon invoice was paid by Vicki Betterbed.
- Current membership statistics: 24 New Members, 8 Sustaining Members, and 3 Supporting Members. Donna Scheumann validated membership totals with Vicki Betterbed.

Merchandising--Kevin Miller

- Merchandise monies collected during June 5th ACL were sent to Treasurer for deposit.
- Kevin, a talented photographer, volunteered to provide West Point photographs and framing at cost, for future sale during WPPC-WA events. Board Members expressed an interest in pursuing this option, as well as photography at ASAB 2013 and/or as a national fundraiser (a la Alabama's class ring drawings). More discussion to follow. Several parents had expressed interest in purchasing framed West Point photographs during the ACL.

Communications--Nicolle Armstrong

- Three parent resource binders were sold at the ACL. A charge of \$15 was collected for each binder; this covers cost of item. Binder inventory has been exhausted.

Membership--Donna Scheumann

- Vicki Betterbed and Donna Scheumann concurred on new membership numbers: 24 New Members, 8 Sustaining Members, and 3 Supporting Members. Donna is finalizing rosters for circulation to Board, prior to distribution to Membership via secure wppcwa@gmail.com.

Mentorship--Nancy Lorette

- Seventeen requests were received for mentors. Nancy matched all 17 of the parent plebe mentor requests with mentors.
- Forty-nine RSVP's have been received for the July 9th Summer Picnic. Nancy will identify attendees by class year to support food planning.

Vice-President--Garry Brown

- Agenda for Membership Meeting to be held during upcoming July 9th (11 AM - 2:30 PM) Summer Picnic: President comments, introduction of Board Members, introduction of Prep School Parents, Plebes, Yuks, Cows,

Firsties and Grads, serving of meal. Mary Ellen Mullen will provide Volunteer Sign- Up Sheet.

- Meeting will be held while meats are being prepared.
- Picnic items (silverware, plates, napkins, charcoal, lighter fluid, meats, buns, drinks, ice and ice chests and associated BBQ equipment) responsible parties identified. Bo Woronowicz and Paul Adelman will cook meats.

Webmaster--David Graham

- David has requested to relinquish the WPPA-WA webmaster duties as of August 1, 2011. He will mentor and assist an incoming volunteer to master site navigation and function. Mary Ellen will distribute a "job description" of webmaster duties via email to members of the organization.

Birthday Correspondence--Tina Bean

- To ensure proper receipt of "Birthday Cards", Tina requested guidance on how best to obtain correct Cadet P.O. Box numbers. She continues to get returned cards due to incorrect addresses. A note will again be sent out to parents, requesting that they confirm their Cadet's West Point P.O. Boxes/ mailing address. Tina will email Board names of cadets whose cards have been returned.

Secretary Agenda for Next Meeting--Vicki Odegaard, Secretary

- Board Member reports → Secretary Report and Minutes Approval, Treasurer Report, Mentorship, Membership, Communication, Website Update
- Review and update Calendar of Events (October 2, 2011 Fall Meeting, Army/Navy Game and Boodle Bash 2012).
- Parent Volunteer support of calendar events roster
- 2013 ASAB WPPC-WA Volunteer remains unfilled. Invitation posted on the organization's website.
- Webmaster vacancy update

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Odegaard
Secretary, WPPC-WA