

AFJROTC Booster Club Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2012

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order by Tom Hamm, President, at 7:00pm

Minutes: It was reported that minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members.

Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$12,596.58 in the account. Additionally, the Air Force is supposed to be reimbursing the Club approximately \$6,000 which is not reflected in the current account balance.

Old Business: The remodeling of Hangar 821 is ongoing but close to finished. The initial projected cost was \$3500. However, the final cost will be approximately \$3600. Only minor additions/repairs are left to be made and the building should be complete in time for the big inspection in December.

The Bowl- A-Rama fundraiser brought in \$14,800 this year. Thanks to Publix for allowing the Booster Club to use their store fronts to fund raise. Also, thanks to the cadets and parents who volunteered their time to make this a huge success. Planning for next year's Bowl-A-Rama should take place in January 2013 in order to reserve premium space/dates at the various Publix stores again ahead of other organizations (i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, various non-profit organizations). Mr. Hamm reported that the Publix store managers complimented the cadets on their excellent behavior and stated they are happy to have ROTC as a fund raising organization at their stores.

Events and Drill Meets: Future drill meets were discussed along with the Color Guard events in November.

It was mentioned that the Booster Club President is traditionally present at the morning briefing during the inspection on December 5. Cadets have to construct goals for the year and then do a presentation.

New Business: The Applebees fundraiser will take place on either February 9 or 16, 2013. Tom and Rose Hamm said they would double check the date and report back at the next meeting, which will take place on Tuesday December 4, 2012 at 7pm in the portables.

Eric Buffkin volunteered to head up the Applebees fundraiser and his offer was kindly accepted. Scheduling of Publix fundraising sites was further discussed and the need for additional parent volunteers was stressed.

Several ideas to improve cadet/parent participation were discussed as well. This included an evening event providing food and giveaways with specific requests for volunteer hours at the upcoming fund raising event for Applebees. The event will likely take place sometime in January and a date will be narrowed down at the next meeting.

Booster members presented various suggestions to thank the large sponsors of ROTC. These included a nice dinner for those who donated significant amounts of cash, goods and services. Additional suggestions included a framed picture of the cadets with the ROTC coin and a certificate of appreciation.

It was noted that rifle parts are needed as some of the rifles have been broken and/or have missing parts. A motion to approve \$500 in funds for purchase of parts was put forth and approved. A motion was also made and approved for funds to make ascots for cadets.

There was also discussion regarding the purchase of a large screen television for the ROTC classroom prior to the inspection in December. It was noted that the television would be used as an instructional aid in place of the overhead projector. The laptop computer can be hooked up to the television and the Internet can be accessed along with Netflix, which hosts a variety of educational documentaries. Various members discussed purchasing the television at either Best Buy or Sams where 60 to 70 inch televisions have been seen for \$1200 to \$1300. Rondre also volunteered to ask his connection at Safari Audio for a quote, as he was told he could get televisions and audio equipment at wholesale prices. Rondre agreed to obtain a quote as soon as possible because it would be ideal to have the television purchased and installed in time for the inspection in December. Funds up to \$2200 were approved for purchase of a television and sound bar along with any other related equipment (i.e. cables).

Finally, a motion was made and approved to purchase computers along with service plans from Best Buy or another acceptable retailer at the discretion of Lt. Col. Grigg depending on the status of when used computers will be received from the school board. Presently, the ROTC program is supposed to be receiving used computers through the school board. The benefit of these computers is that the school board will provide ongoing technical support. Whereas, if the computers are purchased from a third party then the school board will not provide technical support should they break or need upgrades. However, there is some question regarding the timing of when the computers will be received and installed and if this will occur in time for the inspection in December. The bottom line is the ROTC program needs to have the computers in place for the December inspection.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 4, 2012 at 7pm in the portables.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karla Wooten