

MINUTES
MVHS TX-20009th AFJROTC BOOSTER CLUB

Date/Time/Place: Tuesday, 5 December 2023, 18:01
JROTC Compound and Zoom

Members Present: Maritza Arroyo, President
Frank Jarrett, Vice President
Elizabeth King, Treasurer
Angela Wilkin, Secretary
Sarah Allen
Liz Gantzler
Heather Lidowski

Members Absent: Karen Moore, Public Affairs

Others Present: LtCol Brett Mazey
C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz

Actions: Approved the 7 November 2023, 8 November 2023, and 30 November 2023 Electronic Minutes. (Page 1)

Accepted the November 2023 Treasurer's Report. (Page 2)

Agreed to cover the cost of dinner, wrapping paper, icing, and miscellaneous items for the Overnight. (Page 2)

Approved the purchase of two iPads totaling \$200. (Page 3)

Approved reimbursement of Square fees to Maritza Arroyo. (Page 3)

Agreed to start and manage a Soda Fund. (Page 3)

Call to Order. Vice President Frank Jarrett called the meeting to order at 18:01.

Agenda. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes. The 7 November 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Liz Gantzler made a motion to approve the 7 November 2023 Minutes. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Members reviewed the 8 November 2023 Minutes. Angela Wilkin made a motion to approve the 8 November 2023 Minutes. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

The 30 November 2023 Electronic Minutes were reviewed. Liz Gantzler made a motion to approve the 30 November 2023 Electronic Minutes. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report. Elizabeth King reviewed the November 2023 Treasurer's Report, noting a beginning balance of \$20,603.39. Withdrawals totaled \$3,201.81 and \$834.06 was deposited into the general account. The ending balance for November was \$18,235.66. The Scholarship Account remained unchanged at \$4,896.91. Deposits from the Veterans Color Run have cleared and the transfer of \$1,133 to the Scholarship Fund will be reflected in the December Treasurer's Report. Liz Gantzler motioned to approve the November 2023 Treasurer's Report. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business.

Cadet Merchandise Order.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz will share cadet t-shirt designs with cadets and create a voting poll to determine the top choices.

Overnight.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz confirmed the Corps. Overnight for 15 December at 17:00. Activities for the night include a photo hunt, building gingerbread houses, Senior Q&A, gift wrapping cadets, and Christmas karaoke. Flights have been assigned food/drink items. Cadets interested in building gingerbread houses will be asked to bring graham crackers. Maritza Arroyo will donate sprinkles.

Angela Wilkin made a motion to cover the cost of dinner (pizza, hotdogs, chips, and corn), wrapping paper, icing for the gingerbread houses, and miscellaneous items required for the Overnight. Liz Gantzler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Accounting Software.

We will continue with the current accounting process.

Spirit Night.

Dairy Queen is interested in partnering for a Spirit Night and is discussing the earned donation percentage/amount. Liz Gantzler will follow up after the Christmas break with a date (Wednesday) in February. Angela Wilkin will continue to reach out to Julianna's.

Fundraising Committee.

The Committee finalized Veterans Color Run details and discussed Old Fashion Christmas plans. This month's Fundraising meeting is cancelled.

Scholarship Workshop (Session 1).

Cadets and parents attended the first of two sessions of the Scholarship Workshop on 28 November offered by Heather Lidowski. She walked attendees through the application process and specifically addressed the Booster Club application and what the Booster Club is looking for in each section. Cadets asked solid questions and were engaged. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for cadets that missed Session 1.

All cadets are invited to attend the second session scheduled for 30 January at the Compound following school. Please encourage your cadet(s) to attend as this information can be applied toward other scholarships, applications, and essays.

Old Fashion Christmas.

Old Fashion Christmas was a huge success thanks to baked goods donations, parent volunteers, cadet participation, and the rental of two booths versus one. Cadet presence was fantastic with teams selling baked goods and picking up litter in the Square. The cadets were recognized by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce for their help in keeping the Square clean. Preliminary sales/donations totaled \$2,400. Booth reservations for the 2024 Old Fashion Christmas will open at the beginning of February. The Board plans to reserve two booths for 2024 in the same high traffic area.

Members discussed the difficulty processing credit card sales (service availability), the options of creating Cash App and Venmo accounts, and purchasing iPads for processing payment. Elizabeth King motioned to purchase two iPads (totaling \$200) from Maritza Arroyo and to set up a business Cash App account. Sarah Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Angela Wilkin made a motion to reimburse Maritza Arroyo for her personal Square fees from Old Fashion Christmas sales. Liz Gantzer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Medical/First Aid Kit.

Nelson Arroyo submitted requests for medical/first aid equipment to two clinics. Liz Gantzer made a motion to purchase a medical bag for \$60 since the clinics are more inclined to donate first aid supplies. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Wreaths Across America.

WAA is asking for volunteers at St. Louis Cemetery at 10:00 on Saturday, 16 December. The Ceremony will begin at 10:30.

New Business.

Park Cleanup.

The December Park Cleanup is scheduled for 08:00 to 10:00 on Saturday, 16 Dec. at Castroville Regional Park. Liz Gantzer informed park volunteers that cadets were participating in the Overnight and could not guarantee a large showing. C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz will post a sign-up sheet at the compound.

Fundraising Committee Meeting.

The Fundraising Committee will meet at Sammy's on 10 January at 18:00. All Boosters are invited to attend.

Scholarship Workshop, Session 2.

The second session of the Scholarship Workshop is scheduled for 30 January at the Compound immediately after school.

Military Ball.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz will meet tomorrow with his staff to discuss the Military Ball, scheduled for 10 February at Courtyard by Marriott Sea World. More details will be available at the next Booster Club meeting.

Elections.

An email to Boosters regarding elections will be sent in February. All positions are open, and elections will take place at the 2 April 2024 Booster Club meeting.

Instructor's Call.

Angela Wilkin motioned that the Booster Club start and manage a soda fund at the Compound. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Instructors are putting a plan together to roll over to the new OCP uniform which will be easier to maintain (no drycleaning required) by cadets. The Booster Club will be approached regarding funding once instructors determine how to phase in the uniform.

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9 January 2024, 18:00 at the Compound and via Zoom.

Liz Gantzler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor. Frank Jarrett adjourned the meeting at 19:12.

Minutes submitted by Angela Wilkin, Secretary.