

MINUTES
MVHS TX-20009th AFJROTC BOOSTER CLUB

Date/Time/Place: Tuesday, 7 November 2023, 18:10
JROTC Compound and Zoom

Members Present: Maritza Arroyo, President
Frank Jarrett, Vice President
Elizabeth King, Treasurer
Angela Wilkin, Secretary
Elizabeth Floyd
Liz Gantzler
Tracy Ann Hinkle
Dustin Hoffman
Jenni Koonce
Heather Lidowski
Joel Mercado
Mark Soliz

Members Absent: Karen Moore, Public Affairs

Others Present: MSgt. Lee Conrad
C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz
C/Diego Mercado

Actions: Approved the 3 October 2023, 11 October 2023 Electronic Minutes, and 11 October Minutes. (Page 2)

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

Agreed to deposit \$1,133 from the Veterans Color Run/Walk into the Scholarship Fund. (Page 3)

Approved purchase of 50 sweatshirts in various sizes to restock merchandise. (Page 3)

Approved purchase of 50 honor cords. (Page 3)

Designated Airsoft Club as a team. (Page 3)

Agreed to cover the admission fee (\$624) for the Airsoft team's first event at Mission Airsoft. (Page 3)

Approved renewal of Sam's Club membership (Page 4)

Call to Order. President Maritza Arroyo called the meeting to order at 18:10.

Agenda. Angela Wilkin made a motion to amend the Agenda with the following additions: h. Scholarship Workshop – 28 Nov. under Old Business; and h. Wreaths Across America and i. Sam's Club Renewal under New Business. A. Park Cleanup was

deleted under New Business. Liz Gantzler seconded the motion. All in favor. The Agenda was adopted as amended.

Minutes. The 3 October 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Angela Wilkin made a motion to remove Elizabeth King above Cadet Announcements. Liz Gantzler motioned to approve the 3 October 2023 Minutes as amended. Frank Jarrett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Members reviewed the 11 October 2023 Electronic Minutes. Angela Wilkin made a motion to approve the 11 October 2023 Electronic Minutes. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

The 11 October 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Liz Gantzler motioned to approve the 11 October 2023 Minutes. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report. Elizabeth King reviewed the October 2023 Treasurer's Report, noting a beginning balance of \$22,640.05. Withdrawals totaled \$2,321.59 and \$284.93 was deposited into the general account. The ending balance for October was \$20,603.39. The Scholarship Account remained unchanged at \$4,896.91. Frank Jarrett motioned to approve the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business.

Accounting Software.

Quickbooks for a 501(c)(3) is not available under Frank Jarrett's licensing. The other option, Zero, costs \$72 monthly with a 25 percent discount. Elizabeth King will research accounting software with Square since the Booster Club already has an account.

Park Trail Sponsorship.

Cadet leadership decided not to sponsor a trail this year due to low turnout at the monthly park cleanups. Jenni Koontz suggested adding trail sponsorship to next year's calendar as it's a great opportunity for parents and cadets to meet the new volunteer requirement to apply for the Booster Club scholarship. Frank Jarrett also suggested teams receiving Booster Club funding could volunteer to maintain trails.

Boo Bash.

Liz Gantzler reported that Boo Bash was cancelled due to muddy/unsafe conditions at the Castroville Regional Park.

Spirit Night.

Liz Gantzler will contact Dairy Queen about a possible Spirit Night. Karen Moore will contact Julianna's.

Veterans Color 3K Run/Walk.

Thirty-four participants walked/ran the 2-mile Veterans Color Run course on 4 Nov. in support of the Booster Club's scholarship fundraiser. Cadets marked and lined the course, directed participants around the detoured route, and cheered runners and walkers while spraying chalk. Angela Wilkin made a motion for the Booster Club to

absorb the expenses to deposit the gross total of \$1,133 into the Scholarship Fund. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. Frank Jarrett made a motion to transfer \$1,133 to the Scholarship Fund. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Merchandise Reorder.

The original vendor charges \$30 to reorder the original design sweatshirts. Sweet Southern Creations will recreate a similar design for \$18. Frank Jarrett made a motion to purchase 50 sweatshirts in various sizes at \$18 each. Liz Gantzler seconded the motion. All in favor. The sweatshirts will be available for purchase at Old Fashion Christmas. Elizabeth King noted that parents were asking for cadet shirts at the Veterans Color Run. She suggested C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz present five designs to cadets to vote on their top three. The Booster Club will review the designs and discuss purchasing at the next meeting.

Scholarship Workshop – 28 Nov.

The first session of the Scholarship Workshop will focus on understanding a scholarship application and responding to an essay prompt. C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz will post a sign-up sheet at the compound for interested juniors and seniors. The session will take place at the compound after school. The second session is scheduled for 30 Jan.

New Business.

Honor Cords.

The Honor Cord Company produces cords of similar quality and color at \$5 compared to \$13.95 from the current vendor. Angela Wilkin made a motion to order 50 custom cords from The Honor Cord Company. Jenni Koontz seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Fashion Christmas.

2023 Old Fashion Christmas is scheduled for 1 Dec. (6 to 10 p.m.) and 2 Dec. (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) in Houston Square, Castroville. A flyer requesting individually wrapped and labeled baked donations from parents will be posted on the Booster Club Facebook page. Donations will be accepted at the Compound on 30 Nov. As an incentive, a donation will equal one parent volunteer hour. A Signup Genius will be posted on the Facebook page for parent volunteers.

Airsoft Funding Request.

C/Diego Mercado presented a request for \$624 for the Airsoft Team's first event at Mission Airsoft on 13 November. The cost covers admission for 39 cadets (\$16 each). Elizabeth King motioned to pay for the Airsoft entry fee. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor. Angela Wilkin made a motion to identify the Airsoft Club as a designated team which will allow the Booster Club to cover lunches at competitions. Frank Jarrett seconded the motion. All in favor. The Booster Club will also provide pizza for lunch. Elizabeth King made a motion to approve the entry fee for the first Airsoft event. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor. C/Mercado will approach the board with another funding request to cover their end of the year event which will include 50 cadets.

Soda Fund Donation.

The Soda Fund is being discontinued and the remaining funds of \$298.13 have been generously donated to the Booster Club.

Fundraising Committee Meeting.

The Fundraising Committee will meet at Julianna's, Alsatian Golf Course, in Castroville at 1800. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month to discuss upcoming events and welcome fundraising ideas. All boosters are invited to attend.

Medical/First Aid Kit.

The Booster Club has relied on first aid kits brought by Booster club members and parent volunteers at events. The Booster Club should have a designated kit. Maritza Arroyo will research the cost of medical kits and solicit medical items/donations from clinics and organizations.

Wreaths Across America.

This year's event is scheduled for 16 December. The Booster Club is waiting for the local coordinator to reach out with event details.

Sam's Club Renewal.

Frank Jarrett made a motion to renew the Sam's Club membership and reimburse \$92.16 to Elizabeth King. Liz Gantzler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Instructor's Call.

The Booster Club should expect to see a request to cover their end of the season event (estimated \$2,000) from the Airsoft Team. The team will be encouraged to fundraise to help cover a portion of the cost.

MSgt Conrad requested the October Booster Club Minutes and financial reports for the Air Force inspection on 1 Dec. He introduced an additional team, Kitty Hawk, which is a national Air Force JROTC honor society focusing on tutoring cadets and community outreach. It is a continuous program with three windows for joining (requirements for the team were posted on the Band App). The first induction ceremony will be held at the Overnight and the second induction is planned for Awards Night. Instructors are hopeful the tutoring sessions will help improve grades among the Corps.

The next Cyber competition is scheduled for 8 December and the Raiders compete on 3 December. Organizers of the JBSA sponsored Fallen Defender Ruck March invited the Corps back to attend this year's event. More information will follow. The Memorial Bataan Death March is on the agenda for March/April. Instructors will follow up with the Booster Club once a date and location have been determined.

Cadet Announcements.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowski is waiting for facility confirmation for 15 Dec. for the Overnight. The event will start at 6 p.m. and parents will pick up their cadets at 7 a.m. Saturday. The Booster Club will provide pizza for dinner and popcorn. Fifteen parent volunteers are needed to meet safety requirements. Cadets will vote on activities.

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 5 December at 18:00 at the Compound and via Zoom.

Ms. Arroyo adjourned the meeting at 19:50.

Minutes submitted by Angela Wilkin, Secretary.