

West Point Parents Club of MA

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2011

A meeting was held prior to the Yuk Boodle Bash at St. Lukes Church in Westborough, MA.

**In attendance were:** George Jedras, Nicole Burkel, Nina Johannesen, Susan Kimball, and Jo Anne and Carl Vercollone

George Jedras conducted the meeting.

**A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Calendar of Events: A number of items on the calendar of events were discussed.**

Yuk Boodle Bash – Nicole suggested that in addition to sending boodle boxes to 22 yuks and four guardroom attendants, we also send boxes to 5 deployed grads as well as Jake Murphy. All present agreed this was a good idea and would be done.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tailgate – Saturday, October 29, 2011 will follow the same format as the first one. Attendees are responsible for bringing their own chairs, food and drinks.

Graduate Party – Will be held on November 5, 2011. It will be a potluck dinner at the home Jim and Diana Lucivero.

Navy/Rutgers Game at Yankee Stadium – November 12, 2011. The Club has no events planned for this game.

Army-Navy Game - Washington, D.C., December 10, 2011 – Emails were circulated to see if there was enough interest to organize a Club event in connection with the Army/Navy game. It was determined there was minimal interest in a club sponsored activity so none has been planed.

Holly Ball – The Club does not have any specific responsibility for the Holly Ball this year.

Cow Loan Party – Will be held in February 2012 at St. Luke's.

Firstie Party – April 2012 – At this point we do not know who will be hosting the Firstie party, but Cathy Snook will be doing the Flags and Coins again.

### **Finances:**

Nicole reported that we are in a very similar financial position to where we were last year. The Club has a cash surplus of approximately \$14,000. Carl and Nicole will be coordinating the State and Federal filings once the year-end financials have been completed.

Parents continue to value the bus service and the Club generates positive cash flow to fund other activities. We are still using Brush Hill. They are more accommodating and easier to schedule than Peter Pan, and less expensive.

### **Membership:**

Nina reported that many new members have signed up and many others have renewed.

### **Website:**

All in attendance complimented Nina on the Club web site. Online registration is easy and it is a great information forum for the Club and outsiders.

Carl made the suggestion that we use the web site to periodically showcase deployed grads and possibly cadets as well. Parents could be asked to provide a picture and a brief write up of what their cadet/grad are doing.

### **Administration:**

George expressed general concerns about the need to fill the Club's open positions and participation in Club activities.

The Club Vice President and Listserve positions are still open and volunteers need to be recruited.

### **Other Activities:**

Carl made the suggestion that the Club consider performing some community service activity to underscore the mission of service that is expected of our sons and daughters. It would be an opportunity to share information on West Point.