

2027 Gold Spirit Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2023; 1700 MST
Skype

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Ferguson; Catherine Sanchirico; Elizabeth Ryan;
Bianca Pankau; Steve Piel; Katie Hill; Stacey Money; Susan
Blankenship; Sherri Mahlik; Kimberly Cheri; Elaine DeBono;
Carrie Hsu

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Saenze; Jenna Bo

OTHERS PRESENT: JoAnn Lemm

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 5:00p MST by JoAnn Lemm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No past meeting minutes to approve. Confirmation of Role Assignments:

President – Paul Ferguson
Vice President – Catherine Sanchirico
Secretary – Elizabeth “Betsy” Ryan
Communications VP – Monica Saenze
Parliamentarian - Bianca Pankau
Design VP – Steve Piel
Committee: Katie Hill; Stacey Money
Treasurer(s) – Susan Blankenship; Sherri Mahlik
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Jenna Bo; Kimberly Cheri
Fundraising Chairs: Elaine DeBono; Carrie Hsu

DISCUSSION OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES OF 2027 GOLD SPIRIT COMMITTEE

- Create / Fundraise / Produce / Distribute 4 Coins for 2027 USAFA Class
 - o Recognition (April 2024)
 - o Exemplar Dinner – can be tricky in that coins are for accomplishments & this person is determined by committee.
 - o Commitment Ceremony
 - o Graduation / Commission
- Note: Additional persons in USAFA receive coins (e.g., Superintendent, Commandant, Athletic Director)
- Coins need proper approval.
- Discussion of who needs to vote/approve design. Current bylaws mandate two designs must be circulated to full membership for discussions and voting, but ultimately the Executive Board decides. Ferguson suggested modifying bylaws to allow one design.

DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES

- Bylaws: Board is not in compliance with current bylaws.
 - o Full membership currently votes which includes all parents' of 2027 cadets.
 - o Discussion of changing bylaws to streamline voting process.
 - o Agenda should be provided for all future meetings.
 - o Sub-committees can meet separately from the full executive board.
 - o Discussion of setting a recurring monthly meeting. Day/Time TBD.
 - o President is tiebreaker if needed.
 - o Current Bylaws allow for 2027 sponsored/parent banner to hang in Mitchell Hall (ex. "Congrats for Parents of 2027").
 - o JoAnn Lemm suggested using Robert's Rules of Order for board meetings.
 - o Ferguson suggested first priority should be updating bylaws.
- Budget
 - o Can be determined beforehand and fundraise toward that goal or fundraise first and that sets the budget for the coins.
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ADDITIONAL AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- Fundraising
 - o Could be as easy as simply asking.
 - o Past years have done t-shirts, ornaments, smaller coins on keychains for parents.
 - o Suggestions included the class motto t-shirt from Otto.
 - o If using any USAFA or AF emblems / logos / etc. then appropriate approval must be obtained. Dimensions and colors can't be altered.
 - o Any funds not used for coin production / purchase can be donated to the Ring Dance, Rando Fund, or AOG Fund for future reunions. This is up to the Spirit Committee but should be directed back to the class of 2027 benefit.
- Volunteer Committee:
 - o Not much to do until the coins are delivered. After the coins are finished, they should be shipped to a local address. Then volunteers package the coins (Packing Party) and deliver to USAFA for distribution to cadets.
- JoAnn will provide a mentor from past class boards for each position.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

TBD and communicated by Catherine Sanchirico

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, JoAnn Lemm made a motion to adjourn. Susan Blankenship seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried at 5:57p MST.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Elizabeth Ryan