

**Alumni/Parent & Student Meeting November 5, 2024, 6:00 pm**  
**Location - LTHS Ag Building**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00PM**

President Holly Noak welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and introduced Secretary, Jessica Walker.

Jessica gave a thank you to all the Volunteers for the Oct Events and Cav Classic, she also gave a reminder to always sign in as it is tracked for good standing purposes, then asked for a motion to pass the Oct Meeting Minutes. Kathleen Shelley Judd made the motion and Kathleen Fisher seconded, all was in favor. Jessica gave the Secretary's update:

- Good standing reports will be sent out mid Nov via email. Please note that these reports are made to simply help make sure the Alumni's records match your records.
- Alumni Chapter shirts are in, if you haven't received yours please see Jessica after the meeting. \*Students will get their shirts from the teachers.
- Car signs/ Yard decals are in, if you haven't received your please see Jessica after the meeting.

Jessica asked the group if there was interest in purchasing more LT FFA sweatshirts, by the show of hands it appeared we would have enough orders to meet the 24 min. Jessica will get a google order form out to everyone by the end of the week, these will have to be ordered quickly to be ready in time for the Dec meeting.

President Holly Noak gave the Treasurer's report (Chris Grant was delayed in traffic)

**Expenses: \$4374**

- Operating Expenses: \$288
- Chapter Support: \$2516
- Cav Classic: \$1350

**Income: \$11,319**

- Membership Dues: \$236
- Sponsorships: \$10,000
- Decals/Signs: \$94
- Venmo: \$889
- October Net Cash Flow Up \$ 6,495

Holly N gave a thank you to all our sponsors.

Fundraising Chair Holly Borbon gave an updated:

- **Sponsorship Drive & Buyouts**

- Goal: \$25,000
  - Collected so far: **\$31,130**
  - **Family Participation in Sponsorships & Buyouts** (*Required for good standing.*)
    - Goal: 100% participation
    - Obligation met so far: 64% of membership
  - **Events (Pet Shot Clinics, Cav Classic, Spirit Nights, etc.) & product sales**
    - Fall Goal: \$10,000 + Spring Goal: \$5,000
    - Earned so far: **\$5,716.34** (P Terry's and Pet Shot Clinic)
    - Remaining Fall Events: CC & Kendra Scott Event In store 12/7, Online 12:00am 12/7- 11:59pm 12/8 code: GIVEBACK-HYETN
- Holly N gave an update on the Oct Events & Cav Classic numbers:
- Homecoming Extravaganza
  - Pet Shot Clinic: \$4700 earned (Fall '23, \$4200) (4/14/25)
  - PTerry's Spirit Night: \$373 earned (Fall '23, \$292)
  - Validation
  - Cav Classic: \$ ~2000 profit (Numbers are still coming in)
    - Results:
      - 199 total registrations (159 last year)
      - \$ 11,935 earned (registration, swag, photos, etc.)
      - \$ 8,187 expenses (facilities, prizes, swag, judges, etc.)
- (2023: \$8479.10 earned - \$4347.12 expenses = \$4131.98 profit)

QR code was given to get Feedback about Cav Classic. The link will close in a week.

Jessica Walker announced that Cav Classic Merch and pic link could still be purchased after the meeting.

A preview of the Cav Classic pictures was shared, along with the pictures from the Oct Events.

Holly N gave an TCYS update:

- Pen Set-up (Tu?)/Tear Down (Sat, Sun?)
- Herdsman (Pen Decorating), Jeanne Seaux-Pierce – Wednesday evening (*committee has been formed*)
- Show is January 16-18, 2025 at Travis County Expo Center
  - Plan to be there ALL THREE days if showing animals.
  - ALL trailers there on Thursday and back on Saturday night.
  - Rabbits show Thursday
  - Goats/Lambs show Friday (Dance is Friday evening)
  - Steer/Pig show Saturday
  - Everyone:
    - TCYS attendance is an excused absence BUT...
      - student must attend TCYS, parental supervision is suggested
      - all missed work must be turned in upon return to class
      - students are expected to be in the barn cheering on their

peers

- “Cantina” is a shared meal serving plan for all who choose to participate regardless of where you are staying overnight. (Pricing coming soon.) Eric Vance is our chef & coordinator. Please look for the sign up genius that will be released in Dec to help!
- All who are showing animals:
  - Animals must be fed twice a day.
  - No feeders/water buckets are allowed in the pens so animals need regular attending.
  - Pack feed, tack, MUZZLES, etc.
- Youth Fair Projects: Advisors will give attendance times
- Housing options, Shelley Judd: commute, hotel, Air B&B, RV on site, etc. Sign up on list.
  - Hotel Recommendation: BW Plus Pflugerville Inn & Suites
  - RV Info:
    - Expo Center RV sites are \$40 per night (need 2 nights - Thurs-Sat)
      - » They would like to have 1 check, so checks are due to LT FFA Alumni by 12/12.
      - » Once we know approximately how many spots, we will get a map with names for delivery.
    - RV Rental: Woody's RV 512-944-5800 - Julie
      - » Rental prices range from last year: \$115-\$425/night (3 night minimum). \$400 delivery fee (reduced from \$500 cause we are awesome). They will deliver, set up, and pick up.
      - » Mention LT FFA for possible 10% discount
- Auction - all students who “make sale” with projects will attend “auction” the following Friday (1/24) at Travis County Expo Center.
  - Sale list is typically published Sun night or Mon.
  - Animals do not attend auction. (They are not sold.)
  - Youth Fair projects are given to the buyer at auction.
  - Students make a gift basket to give the buyer at auction.
  - Details at separate meeting (Tu 1/21?) for parents/students who make sale.
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Holly N reviewed Good Standing requirements-

- Join LT FFA Alumni organization by paying yearly dues
  - \$65 per Family, \$45 per Individual
  - (Does not include students' chapter dues)
- Attend monthly chapter meetings (75%+ attendance)
- Attend/volunteer at:
  - Chapter events (barn clean-up, HOCO, etc)
  - Chapter shows (Cav Classic, Chapter Show, TCYS), and
  - Chapter fundraisers (Pet Shot Clinic, spirit nights, etc)

- Sponsorship/family contribution = \$500 (Any source or combo to equal \$500, including company match, sponsorships, donations, pre-approved in-kind giving, etc.)

Kelly White & Perry White gave the Teacher update:

- Homecoming Float! WOW! Thank you!
- Pet Shot Clinic! WOW! \$ 4,700 ! Thank you to our volunteers!
- LDE Competitions: Nov 7th, we will leave at 9:00am and return late that night.
- Nov 21st is Pig Validation @ Vandegriff
  - Every student must attend **and have a parent present**.
- Parking at barn- During school hours vehicles are to remain parked.
  - Parents and Students - Please observe-no parking in bus lane marked no parking zones and in front of Pig Barn Alley.
  - Handicap parking spots are not valid parking spots without Handicap placard or Bus lane, unless you are in a Bus.
- Students are not allowed to ride in backs of truck on campus
- We love kids but the parking lot will not be a stereo thump fest after school hangout.
- Pen rent and deposits must be paid. Get with K White ASAP!
- Barn Issues ...
  - DAILY Clean up, scoop up, sweep up keep tack rooms tidy! Illness breeds in dirty pens and dirty barns!
  - Please report any problems to the teachers, we can't fix what we don't know is broken.
- TCYS Eligibility - **Dec 20th**
- Encourage students to all be passing and not holding our breath over the break!
- Excused absences for TCYS. Does not include extended time for assignments.

#### Leadership Development Events

- District Competition: Thursday, November 7, 2024.
- Area Competition: Saturday, November 23, 2024.
- Official Dress is needed (can borrow jacket from teachers)
- Practices are happening AT THE AG FACILITY
- Sign-up WAS outside the office
- Major Shows:

Entry fees due Friday November 8, 2024

Can be found on the Lake Travis FFA Website

Major shows are “terminal” (animal doesn't come back with you). You can choose one per animal:

- San Angelo (early February - Lamb/Goat must have TX Breeder tag)
- San Antonio\* (mid-February)
- Austin (mid-March)
- Houston (early March)

The Ag Teachers ONLY trailer to San Antonio!

Teacher(s) will be available for questions prior to and on November 8th.

\$500 LATE FEE

#### TCYS - RECIPE SUBMISSION

- Baked division recipe(s) must be submitted electronically by 5:00 pm on November 16, 2024.

<https://www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/page.aspx?ID=2357>

LT FFA CHAPTER SHOW INFO: December \_\_\_\_th:  
registration & weight cards due

- December 14th: actual show
- Ag Facility
- Cost = \$30/head (showmanship included)
- Looking for buckle sponsors!!  
\$150 each (see K White)!!

No pass no play UIL rules apply to FFA

Teachers review what the students are talking about (mostly what the Alumni talks about).

Important Dates:

- November 7 = Capital District LDE competition
- November 8 = Major Show Entries Due
- November 16 = TCYS Baked Division Recipes Due
- November 21 = Swine validation
- December 7-8 = Kendra Gives Back (online 12/7-12/8, in store 12/7 from \_\_\_\_)
- December 3 = LT FFA Alumni (adults only) Meeting 6 p.m.
- December 7 = Rabbit Validation
- December 11 = LT FFA Chapter Show entries due
- December 12 = LT FFA Christmas Party (students)
- December 14 = LT FFA Chapter Show Here at the LT Ag Facility
- January 16-18, 2025 = TCYS Travis County Expo Center

End of the year slideshow - IF you want your child in our end of year slideshow aka "Year in Review"

- ❖ Send pics to [whitek@ltidschools.org](mailto:whitek@ltidschools.org).
- ❖ Preference ? Landscape mode please!
- ❖ FFA Events (showing, bonding, fun, etc...)
- ❖ Graduating Senior? From your baby to your baby NOW (let us watch them grow)

## **Join REMIND Group ALERTS**

Text number: 81010

FFA Texts - @lt-ffa

Pigs - @oinker

Goats - @goat

Lambs - @lamlambs

TCYS ~ @tcyslffa

Questions:

Q: Can you leave your RV until Sunday at TCYS / A: Yes, there will be a dry dock fee of \$25.00 if you want to park it on Wed and Sun...Thu, Fri & Sat will be \$40 a day.

Q: Have we won Herdman before? / A: Yes, several times in the past

Q: Can we raise the Spring Fundraising Goal since we usually make more on the Spring Pet Shot Clinic / A: The Board will discuss this.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 3rd (Parents only), Students will have their meeting/Christmas party on 12/12.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55PM