

**Alumni/Parent & Student Meeting October 1, 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 reminder to always sign in as it is tracked for good standing purposes, then asked for a motion to pass the Sept Meeting Minutes. Kathleen Fischer made the motion and Erica Koss seconded, all was in favor. Jessica gave the Secretary's update:  
-Membership dues and forms for BOTH students and parents due TODAY 10/1 (so we can get the shirts ordered).

-41 out of 57 Alumni individual & family memberships to date

-Cavs In Service hours available for student volunteers at Cav Classic & Pet Shot Clinic

-Order decals & yard signs DUE tonight. 10/1

-T-shirts for members are included in dues. Extra apparel available for purchase tonight. DEADLINE is TONIGHT!

-Preorder of Cav Classic hats ends tonight!

-Sign Up Genius for OCT EVENTS has several spots still open (need a Spanish speaker for Pet Shot Clinic)

-Sign Up Genius for Cav Classic released today, we need everyone to please volunteer to make this event successful!

-Deadline of 10/1 to preorder Cav Classic hats

-Students still needed some supplies for decorating the Hoco float

Treasurer, Chris Grant gave the Treasures Report:

Sept Net Cash Flow is up \$15,547. We have only had a small amount of expenses so far of \$337. The next few months we will have some large expenses such as Chapter Shirts, Cav Classic and TCYS. Any left over funds will be used for Teachers requests to support the program. The board has worked hard to make sure we are being transparent with the cash flow. The Board had built a framework based on last year's experience, available historical data, and input from the audit committee this summer. The Budget includes all anticipated income and expenses, with contingencies for over/under income/expenses. Board recommended we continue with the historical decision to maintain a partial year of expenses in the savings account (\$30K). Chris asked for a motion to pass the 2024-2025 budget. JL Stevens made the motion to pass the budget, Rachel Mills seconded, all in favor.

Holly Noak took a moment to thank and recognize our sponsors.

Fundraising Chair Holly Borbon gave an update on this years sponsorship drive.

- Combo of Sponsorship Drive & Family Buy-outs
  - Goal: \$25,000 by 11/1/2024
  - Pledged so far: \$21,830
  - Collected so far: \$18,580
- Member Participation in Sponsorship Drive/Buyout, including \*Sponsorships, company matching, donations, buy outs\*
  - Goal: 100% participation by 11/1/2024
  - Obligation met so far: 44% of membership
- Fundraising Events (Pet Shot Clinics, Cav Classic, Spirit Nights) & product sales
  - Fall Goal: \$10,000 by 12/16/2024
    - Collected so far: \$643.34
  - Spring Goal: \$5,000 by 4/30/2025

Holly Noak gave an overview of what to expect at the Cav Classic Stockshow that the LT FFA Alumni puts on. ALL parents and ALL students members MUST volunteer (even if not showing).

See “Sign Up Genius.”

- “Set-up” Friday 11/01 3-6 PM @ DSRP
- Show Saturday 11/02 – all day
  - Transporting animals, what to pack, people-food, trailer, registration, cash for showmanship, weighing, pen rental, dress code/weather,...
  - Registration & Showing:
    - 2 rings/species (A & B)
    - Registration 6-8AM
    - Showmanship @9AM
  - Tear-down & Clean-up
  - IODINE WASH UPON RETURN
- See FB page for more info & preregistration

Final Planning Committee Meeting is 10/15 at 6Pm. All are welcome!

Holly Noak gave TCYS updates. Entries due (both Youth Fair AND livestock projects) October 8, 2024

- Show is January 16-18, 2025 at Travis County Expo Center – plan to be there all days if showing animals (must continue care of animals & cheer on peers)
- Housing options – RV, commute to feed & show, hotels...
- Cantina – watch for sign up to donate & volunteer
- Herdsman – Wednesday evening
- Pen Set-up/Tear-Down – participation required
- School – excused absence, but not excused assignments
  
- LT FFA website & TCYS website links
  
- Entry Form: Lake Travis FFA website
  - Can go online, type in the info, and print it off
- Due October 8th
- \$20 per animal, \$10 per youth fair
- Students must attend 50% of meetings to be eligible

- Dates/judges/rules are online:
  - 2025 Rule Book
  - Youth Fair Divisions
- Turn in entry form and check to an Advisor by 5pm on 10/8

Advisor Perry White gave a teacher update. LDE teams forming, Capital District Meeting, Pen Rent/Deposits due asap for Good Standing (includes basic meds for anything we can treat), See Mr K White to make sure Pen Deposits and Rent have been paid., Student TCYS entries will not be accepted unless FFA dues/validation tags/Pen Rent/Pen Deposit have been in paid in full to be in good standing. In the barns: twice a day - Feed/Clean Pens/Sweep, not just in front of their pen, help out with keeping the whole barn tidy and clean, Trash/Poop goes to the dumpster in front of Ag Facility-no buckets of poop left in barn, What to do if animal seems sick (how do I know if it is sick?) and how to prepare for cold weather (**buy heat lamps now**) nights in low 40's. Students getting an animal or you have one you need to get this into the teachers ASAP!!!

- Pen Rent = \$50 for Goat, Lamb, & Pig
- Pen Rent = \$100 for Steer
- Deposit = \$ 100 per pen
- Ear Tags/Validation = \$30 per animal (\$5 late fee NOW)

Validation: Lamb/Goat Oct 23 / Pigs Nov 21 @Vandegrift 4pm STUDENT AND PARENTS MUST ATTEND.

Reviewed the NO PASS NO PLAY DATES, these do apply to FFA.

Holly Noak reviewed important upcoming dates:

- ASAP = Order FFA OD jackets for LDEs
- Oct 1 = FFA Alumni dues due to Alumni
- Oct 1 = student dues due to Advisors
- Oct 6 = Hoco Float Decorating
- Oct 8 = TCYS project entry deadline (form available online)
- Oct 9 = HOCO parade 5-8 p.m.– all students can ride float – BRING CANDY!!!
- Oct 14 = House of Torment bonding event for students
- Oct 21 = Pet Shot Clinic and P Terry's Spirit Night
- Oct 22 - Rabbit Showing 101
- Oct 23 = Lamb & Goat Validation at LTHS
- Nov 1 = Cav Classic Set-up volunteers needed
- Nov 2 = Cav Classic & Volunteers needed for show & tear-down
- Nov 5 = Next Alumni Meeting 6 p.m. in Ag Building
- Nov 7 = Capital District LDE
- Oct 25 Major Entries due (form available online)
- Nov 21 = Swine validation 4pm

- Dec 7 = Rabbit Validation time TBD
- Dec 14 = LT FFA Chapter Show Here at the LT Ag Facility
- Jan 16-18, 2024 = TCYS Travis County Expo Center

#### QUESTIONS:

Do you have to buy iodine wash or can you make your own? Yes you can make your own...use Dawn Dish Soap with a few drops of iodine. Also teachers will have some for the school sponsored events. If doing jackpots must get your own.

What is proper show attire? Jeans (no holes), button up or nice shirt and boots/tennis shoes. Kids will want to look nice and put together. They should bring extra clothes for when doing the dirty work so not to get their show clothes dirty.

Can we bring our own food to Cav Classic? Yes, but there will be a concession stand. Also recommended to take folding chairs.

Do you have to get a pen for your animal at Cav Classic? No, you may show off your trailer. This may be hard for those using the school trailers as there will be a lot of kids needing in and out, so recommend for those who don't have their trailer.

Do you need to shave your animal before a show? Yes, goats and lambs need to be shaved. The students can check out clippers from the teachers. Shaving must be done in the Steer pens. Teachers and returning students can help the newcomers.

Where do we get the TCYS entry forms? The LT FFA Website.

What do we put for tag info on the TCYS entry forms? Leave blank, the teachers will fill in once validation is done. Remember to fill out the form front and back and students must give their ss#.

How many youth fair projects can you do? You may have 1 entry per specific category. So you can bake two things but they must fall under two different entry categories.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29PM

