

Alumni/Parent & Student Meeting September 10, 2024, 6:00 pm
Location - LTHS Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 6:12PM

Welcomed everyone

Officers Opening Ceremony

Turned over to Reese Walker, student President to start the opening ceremony.

-Introduce of the officer team

Reese Walker, President

Maddie Fisher, Vice President

Bowen Bennett, Secretary

Luke Shelton, Treasurer

Haven Borbon, Reporter

Addison Vance, Sentinel

-Introduction of Advisors

Mr. Kelly White

Mr. Perry White

Ms. Ashlynn Schuett

-Officers went over LDE, CDE, SDE & SAE competitions, TCYS Show, Animal Validation Tags, Quality Counts Chapter, Community Service Events, Homecoming event, where to find LT FFA on social media, gave their contact info, FFA Dues and Official Dress.

-Students dismissed from the main meeting to go do bonding activities with the Officers.

-Expectations of LT FFA Alumni: Per our bylaws, **GOOD STANDING** entails:

1. Why be in "Good Standing"?
2. Complete Membership form & pay annual dues
 - \$65 per Family, \$45 per Individual Parent/Guardian
 - *Does not include students' chapter dues* (Check to Advisors)
3. Attend monthly chapter meetings (75%+ attendance) - SIGN IN!!
4. Attend/volunteer:
 - Chapter events (barn clean-up, HOCO, etc)
 - Chapter shows (Cav Classic, Chapter Show, TCYS, etc), and
 - Chapter fundraisers (Pet Shot Clinic, spirit nights, etc)

Submit a Family Contribution of \$500 from ANY combination of donations,

sponsorships, company match, etc.

-Old Business: LT FFA attended State Convention in Houston in July

- Eight students attended:
 - 6 Officers
 - 2 Courtesy Corps
- One Lonestar Degree award

LT FFA Alumni worked all summer on fundraising procedures, scholarship processes, Cav Classic planning, financial audit, & planning for a great year!

-Secretary Update: Always sign-in / Minutes from April motioned to approve by Kathleen Fisher and seconded by Shelly Judd and no against, minutes passed / went over 4 forms the Alumni has (membership. Extra apparel, Car decal/Yard sign and sponsorship) and show apparel options.

-Treasurer Report:

Summer -Aug. Net Cash Flow Up \$ 5,187 / Expenses: \$37

- Operating Expenses: \$37

Income: \$5,174

- Sponsorships: \$4,250
- Dues \$270
- General Fundraising: \$483
- Venmo: \$171

2024-2025 Fundraising Goal = \$50,000

Progress Report:

- \$4250 received sponsorship and buyout payments
- \$4733 total funds raised to date

(10% Towards our Goal)

-New Business:

- Special thanks: Cav Classic Committee, Sponsorship Committee, & Scholarship Committee for work throughout the summer!
- Monthly email & periodic updates go to all members (JOIN TODAY!)
- Volunteers needed! (Sign-up Genius (SUG) via email & QR in upcoming slide)
 - Hours count towards district's "Hundreds Club"

Budget Review at October Meeting

-Major Alumni/Chapter Events

- HOCO Parade & Extravaganza - October 9
- Pet Shot Clinic & P. Terry's Spirit Night - October 21, 5-7 PM
- Cav Classic Stock Show - November 2, all day
- LT FFA Chapter Show: December 14
- TCYS: Jan 16-18th, Sale Jan 24th
- Majors: Dates vary (Jan-March)
- Pet Shot Clinic & P. Terry's Spirit Night: Spring date TBA

- Barn Clean-up: date TBA

-Alumni Social Events:

- Support Local Buyers Group by participating in their fundraising event
- LT FFA Family Spirit Night, Sept 17th 6PM-9PM at Angles Icehouse

-Local Livestock Events:

Attending “Jackpot Shows” help support local FFA Chapters and give our kids invaluable experience. HOWEVER, Jackpot shows are done completely on your own.

Thoughts to consider:

- The closest venue is DSRP (where we host Cav Classic).
- Shows at Travis County Expo Center give you a chance to travel to the TCYS venue.
- Local area FFA Chapters hosting shows include Dripping Springs, Pflugerville, Hutto, Buda, etc.
- Texas Show Page on Facebook is a great source for finding shows.

-For LT FFA **Alumni** (Good Standing):

1. Submit Parent/Family dues and completed membership form to Alumni Officers. (*Student memberships & pen rentals go to the Advisors.*)
2. Mark your calendar for monthly meetings (Oct. 1) & upcoming events (next slide).
3. Sign up for volunteer commitments (Sign-Up Genius, QR in upcoming slide).
4. Submit donations/sponsorships to fulfill a total of \$500 Family Commitment. (Any combination of Family Buyout, donations, sponsorships, etc.) LOGOS are due 9/25!
5. Optional: Order optional apparel (*Official Dress ordered separately*), yard signs decals, etc.

-Teacher/Advisor K. White - re-intro the LT FAA AG teachers.went over Quality Counts, Animal Validation Tags, Pen Rental and Deposit amounts, directed new parents to the LT FFA website for lots and lots of helpful info.

Parent need to:

1. Let an Ag Teacher know if raising an animal ASAP!
2. Submit student’s dues and completed membership form to Advisors.
3. Join students in species meetings, if raising an animal.
4. Join REMIND

In the coming days...

1. Decide what youth fair projects your student will want to do at Travis County Youth Show (TCYS). (Deadline 10/???)
2. Help your student decide what fall events to participate in (Leadership Development Events/LDEs).

Questions:

-When are the TCYS deadlines - Plant orders and Jr Superatendiant applications both due on 9/20. That is all we know at this time.

NEXT MEETING OCT 1ST at the LTHS AG BUILDING.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15PM