

**Alumni/Parent & Student Meeting September 13, 2023, 6:00 pm**  
**Location - LT Main Cafeteria**

**~Meeting called to order at 6:10 by Mr. Perry White, Advisor~**

Welcomed everyone

Officers Opening Ceremony

Turned over to Maddie Fisher, student President to start the opening ceremony

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-Introduce of the officer team

Maddie Fisher, President

Reese Walker, Vice President

Gabby Donovan, Secretary

Amelia Echels , Treasurer

Madison Downing, Reporter

Rowan Franklin, Sentinel

-Introduction of Advisors

Mr. Kelly White

Mr. Perry White

Ms. Ashlynn Schuett

-Introduction of Alumni Board

Holly Noak, President Lake Travis FFA Alumni

Jeanne Seaux-Pierce, VP Lake Travis FFA Alumni

Jessica Walker, Secretary Lake Travis FFA Alumni

Darcie Schean, VP of Fundraising Lake Travis FFA Alumni

Office Team went through the student slides:

-SAEs (Supervised Agricultural Experience) Research, entrepreneurship, service, learning

-LDEs (Leadership Development Events) in the fall, PR, public speaking skills & communication

-CDEs (Career Development Events) in the spring, livestock judging, etc.

-Prepared public speaking - Extemporaneous speaking, junior and senior speaking

-Team bonding events - October - "House of Torment". Other ideas?

-Service hours, part of the motto & looks good on resume(volunteer at pet shelters, etc)

-Social media FB & insta & sign up for reminds  
Contact information (see website <http://www.laketravisffa.ffa.org>)

- TCYS (Travis County Youth Show) must attend 50% of all activities to qualify  
Applications for queens court & Jr superintendent due Sept 23
- Membership dues
- Alumni/supporters & sponsorships
- HOCO - help with getting a float put together for the parade
- Animal Validation
- Official Dress - must wear for LDE, CDE & if officer
- Kahoot will be played at the end of each meeting for accumulated points & the winner will be awarded at banquet

~Students are dismissed for separate meeting~

- Holly Noak, President started the Alumni/parent meeting- 6:25
  - Reminder to always sign in
  - Explanation of "Good Standing"
  - Alumni member is-
    - It's like a booster club, supporting the kids. Yearly dues, volunteer, fundraising & participate along with your kids, meeting participation, chapter show & cav classic (even if not raising animals) & participate in one alumni committee fundraiser/event
    - Each family needs to contribute \$500
- Summer events-
  - Officers Attended State convention
  - Recent graduate, Jenna Dow, received Scholarship
- Chris Grant, Treasurer
  - Expenses \$314.20
  - Income \$3687.95
  - Sponsorship update
    - Fundraising goal \$50,000
    - Sponsorship currently at \$1502.95
- Holly Noak, President
  - Need a big push on our sponsorship drive
  - Please see sign up genius for Fall Events Week
  - Review all activities for Fall Events Week:
    - Hoco Float Decoration 10/21
    - Pet Shot Clinic/P Terry's Spirit Night 10/23
    - Hoco Parade and Extravaganza 10/25

- Cav Classic Set Up 10/27
- Cav Classic Jackpot Show 10/28
- Upcoming Events:
  - Southeast Buyers Group Gator Swamp Stop Fundraisers 9/29
  - Chapter Show 12/9
  - TCYS 1/11 -1/14
  - Major Shows Jan-Mar
  - Spring Pet Shot Clinic Date TBD
  - Spring Barn Clean Up Date TBD
  - Local Jackpot Shows - Buda Buckle Bask 10/7 & DS Fall Show 11/19
- Important Dates:
  - Next Meeting 10/3
  - TCYS Entry Deadline
  - Lamb/Goat Validation 10/19
  - Pig Validation 10/11
- New Students to FFA need to complete Quality Counts program to participate in TCYS & Majors
- Budget review at next meeting

-P. White, Advisor

- Validation Tag Costs:
  - \$30 Lamb/Goat
  - \$30 Pig
- Pen Rental Info
  - \$100 deposit for each pen, can roll over each year and will refunded is you paid yearly rentals of \$50 per year per pen
- Check LT FFA Website for ALL the info you need
- What to do now:
  - Let an Ag Teacher know if raising an animal ASAP!
  - Pay dues and complete membership form.
  - Sign up for REMIND group(s)
  - Join students in species meetings, if raising an animal.
  - Sign up for volunteer commitments (Sign-Up Genius).
  - Submit personal donations &/or Solicit sponsorships (logos due 9/25).
  - Decide what youth fair projects your student will want to do at TCYS.
  - Help your student decide what fall events to participate in LDEs.

-K. White, Advisor

- Send pics of your students to him for year end slide show in LANDSCAPE only

QUESTIONS:

- Q: What is validation?

A: A county official take DNA sample and tag the animal

Q: What if you can't afford \$500 and don't have any businesses to reach out to?

A: Sponsorship Chair can you a list of possible sponsors to reach out to

Q: What's going on with the barns?

A: P. White has been involved with many district meetings, work should begin soon on lamb/goat barn. Restrooms will be added and will be accessible on evenings and weekends. Hot water, Large fans and Heating elements to be added to the barns. Please be patient even though things are moving as fast as we wanted they are going to happen soon.

Next meeting is Oct 3rd, 6:00, Ag Bldg

**~Meeting adjourned 7:20PM**