

Meeting	Cedar Park FFA Alumni Board Meeting
Date/Time	1/12/2025 at 6:30 PM
Location	Randall's (1400 Cypress Creek Rd)
Attendees	Desoree McDougal – President Becca Dietz – Vice President Melissa Di Noto – Treasurer Morgan Miller – Secretary

Agenda Item	Meeting Minutes and Discussion
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 6:40 pm by Desoree.
Merchandise Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online store <i>finally</i> got set up with JM Tees. The store has the following shirt designs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year's student design This year's alumni logo (incorporating the Texas FFA Association logo) Standard CP FFA design Last year's logo The store is offering t-shirts, sweatshirts, and long sleeves, beanie and solid-color cap. Shirts are offered in black, green, gray, and white. The store is live at https://stores.inksoft.com/cedar_park_ffa/shop/home until February 2 at 11:59 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morgan notified students and parents of the store being online via GroupMe. Will inquire into latest date to order shirts in order to receive student shirts in time for San Antonio show. The latest date to receive shirts would be February 3.
GLFFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desoree relayed that two buckle sponsorships by the Alumni were requested at the last GLFFA meeting. Both buckles were confirmed shortly thereafter, negating the need for the Alumni to sponsor a buckle. Registration deadline for entries is January 19th. Discussion was held regarding thank yous for payouts. Current plan is to pay out full price on GLFFA placings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are not enough funds for full payouts to every student placing, then payouts will decrease across the board by the same percentage so that total payouts equal funds allocated for GLFFA. The expectation is that at least \$5,000 will be paid out.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had \$37,000 before WCLA Have \$31,000 after WCLA payouts. With earmarks for carryover for next year, remaining scholarships that are still out, and this year's scholarships, will have appropriately \$21,000 to work with for remainder of the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From that, will use \$2,500 for golf tournament deposit, \$5,000+ for GLFFA payouts, and ~\$1,000 for competition apparel. Discussion on what to do with leftover funds. Ideas included additional

	scholarships, awards/prizes, and/or transferring to the student fund.
Pet Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next pet clinic will be on January 28th from 5-7 pm. • Need to determine locations for increased number of signs • Need volunteers to put out on January 15th and pick up signs on January 29th. • Need to post advertisements on Peachjar, Facebook, Nextdoor and other sites to promote.
Yearbook Senior Ad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos for the school yearbook need to be obtained asap. • As Mr. Russell agreed at the last Alumni meeting to coordinate getting appropriate students together for photos, Desoree sent an e-mail to Mr. Russell to check on the status of and reiterate the deadline for obtaining photos. • A request was made for group pictures of students in jackets from each upcoming show.
Golf Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin Creeks Country Club has proposed August 18th or 25th as the date for next year's golf tournament. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Becca has requested August 25th, allowing more time after school starts for student and parent involvement. • Will need to recruit a new chair to head the golf committee for this year's tournament. • We need to obtain a new contract for this year, duplicating last year's contract as close as possible. • We will need to pay the deposit when available. • Interest expressed in increasing tournament profitability by hiring a professional organizer or receiving input/ideas by individuals knowledgeable in golf tournaments or similar fundraisers. • In an effort to distribute raffle tickets to students and parents, would like to decide on main raffle items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Discussion tabled until we get with advisors on the feasibility of repeating the personalized BBQ smoker and Justin Boot voucher from last year.
Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the cameras at the project barn are still not working, we need to ask the advisors who we need to contact in order to stress the importance of and expedite the repair process.
CDE and LDE shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are currently waiting on advisors to form teams and relay information so that shirts can be ordered.
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to address scholarship monies awarded to recipients attending ACC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Currently, there is no tuition cost for Cedar Park students attending ACC. ◦ Ideas included paying for other non-tuition expenses directly tied to ACC. ◦ Will need to clarify this stipulation in the instructions for future scholarship applications. • Need to get this year's scholarship application ready to send out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Morgan to contact Aaron Johnson for last year's application.

Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated the need for recruitment. • A suggestion was made to have barn sponsors. Persons or businesses would pay an amount such as \$1,000 to be a barn sponsor. In return, a banner would be placed in the barn to denote their contribution. • The need was stressed in volunteering for Pit Stop at their upcoming events such as Casino Night and at the Austin Rodeo Cook-off
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned at 8:07 pm by Desoree. Seconded by Melissa.