

<b>Meeting</b>	Cedar Park FFA Alumni Meeting
<b>Date/Time</b>	3/25/2025 at 6:30 PM
<b>Location</b>	Cedar Park High School (Mr. Green's Room 4014)
<b>Attendees</b>	Desoree McDougal – President Becca Dietz – Vice President Morgan Miller – Secretary Ashley Evans, Terry and Jerry Johnson, Mrs. Morton

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes and Discussion</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 6:49 pm by Desoree.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Barn Cameras</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to ongoing concerns for student safety at the project barn, concern for animals' well-being was expressed, with students considering placing nanny cameras on their animals' pens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Morton advised that in the absence of a working camera system, the district permits individuals to have cameras on their pens. Legal considerations around audio recording was discussed. It was recommended that audio recording be disabled if individual cameras were set up.</li> </ul> </li> <li>It was advised that concerns about the project barn camera system can be directed to Miguel Escobedo at <a href="mailto:miguelescobedo@leanderisd.org">miguelescobedo@leanderisd.org</a> or 512-570-0910. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was recommended for all alumni members to voice support of a barn camera system to Mr. Escobedo.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Competition Team Apparel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 12 vests were ordered for three teams: horse judging, dairy cattle, and floriculture. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are standard black vests with 'CPHS FFA' and team title on the front with no embroidery on the back.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tournament date is set for August 25.</li> <li>Reviewed the agreement with Twin Creeks and their attempt to raise price of tournament cost from \$70/golfer to \$90/golfer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advised that a sliding scale agreement was negotiated with Nicco of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$80/golfer for up to 90 golfers</li> <li>\$75/golfer for 91 to 100 golfers</li> <li>\$70/golfer for 100+ golfers</li> </ul> </li> <li>The contract has been signed and deposit sent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Have hired golf pro Matt Bader to secure sponsorships and handle logistics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He has reached out to 217 companies and has received \$6,500 in commitments thus far.</li> <li>Working with Toyota and Nissan to see if one of them will be the title sponsor for \$5,000.</li> <li>He is being paid base of \$2,500 by his company to organize the tournament. Still need to finalize Matt's compensation beyond the base pay.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taco Palenque has offered to donate breakfast.</li> <li>• Concerns were expressed over lunch options such as sandwiches or a taco bar. It was noted that past tournament golfers have a preference for barbecue as they're used to a nicer sit down lunch.</li> <li>• Will need auction items.</li> <li>• Need to finalize raffle ticket items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Need to ask Mr. Russell if he's willing to have the team make another BBQ smoker again and if he can get another Justin Boot voucher donated.</li> <li>◦ Becca to reach out to Ranch Road Jewelry to ask if they could donate to our raffle contest again.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Pet Clinics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next vaccine clinics are scheduled for June 24 and September 23.</li> <li>• Dr. Tarleton's wife has not been asked about adding a fourth pet clinic due to issues with email account ownership for communication.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring Recruitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will host a community open house event at the project barn to promote FFA on May 10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Plan is to have a 'come and go' social with the livestock interest meeting at a TBD time during the event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The goal is to increase awareness and involvement in the organization and recruit more students and parents into the FFA program.</li> <li>• Desoree to contact CPHS and CPMS to send out flyer.</li> <li>• Will plan on having hot dogs and cornhole. Ashley will provide popcorn and cotton candy maker.</li> <li>• Will set up projector and have slideshow from this year's events. Morgan to send out GroupMe message to request pictures.</li> <li>• Will need to have another barn cleaning as several students have yet to clean out their pens.</li> <li>• Mrs. Morton advised that limited space (5 seats remaining in agriculture classes) and master schedule already being set will affect recruitment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Advised that middle school students are welcome to join as there aren't the course requirements as in high school.</li> <li>◦ Can start as early as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Spring Banquet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banquet is scheduled for May 6.</li> <li>• It was stressed for the Alumni to invite parents to get involved.</li> <li>• Reiterated that the silent auction was handed back to the students, so no Alumni involvement this year.</li> <li>• The advisors and students are looking into having the culinary program catering so FFA can support them as well. Food provided will probably be a pasta bar.</li> </ul>
<b>State Convention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FFA state convention is scheduled for the last couple days of June through July 3.</li> <li>• It was noted that students are going to miss the front part of convention due to LISD changing travel dates last year, stating that</li> </ul>

	<p>you can't go up until the day of competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desoree offered for the Alumni to pay for hotel rooms so the team doesn't have to leave for the convention the morning of competition.</li> </ul>
<b>Senior Scholarships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have had four \$1,000 scholarships in past years. Discussed the possible increase in the number of scholarships, based on applicant quality.</li> <li>Have obtained four persons for the judging panel with a goal of having six. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashley Evans</li> <li>Matt Bader</li> <li>Desoree</li> <li>Erin Crews</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dates set for the application process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications sent out by April 1</li> <li>Application submission deadline of April 22</li> <li>Judging completed by April 30</li> </ul> </li> <li>Morgan sent an email to the advisors to forward to seniors and their parents, notifying about scholarship applications. Mrs. Morton confirmed that the e-mail went to her junk folder but will now forward to the students.</li> <li>Scholarship recipient winners will be announced at the spring banquet on May 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Board Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melissa, Becca, and Morgan are stepping down from the board due to students graduating, leaving Desoree as the only board member returning next school year.</li> <li>Need to recruit new board members and parents to maintain the organization. Ashley volunteered to fill a position.</li> <li>If unable to obtain enough Alumni board members for the 2025-26 school year, will need to adjust the bylaws to accommodate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desoree will look at the National FFA side and determine what they have as requirements for the board.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Will vote on new board members at the next general meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New board members will be announced at the banquet and start May 31.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Graduation Cords</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that if a student has earned their letterman jacket, then they've earned their graduation cord. Cords are paid for by the school.</li> <li>As cords are normally passed out during class, it was suggested that it might be fun to distribute cords at the banquet.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer Report / Bank Balances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new numbers to report.</li> <li>Financial stability confirmed by Desoree with the organization being under budget with carryover funds for next year.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motioned at 8:01 pm by Desoree. Seconded by Morgan.</li> </ul>