

Meeting	Cedar Park FFA Alumni Board Meeting
Date/Time	9/2/2024 at 6:30 PM
Location	Online (via Zoom and FaceTime)
Attendees	Desoree McDougal – President Melissa Di Noto – Treasurer Morgan Miller – Secretary

Agenda Item	Meeting Minutes and Discussion
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 6:35 pm by Desoree.
Treasurer Report / Bank Balances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still collecting outstanding balances from the golf tournament. Remaining team payment checks are being mailed to the PO box. Not much outstanding is left to pay to Twin Creeks. Should have the final golf numbers on Friday. Will have the numbers at the first Alumni meeting for recap. An update from previous meetings is that the check to WCLA has been cashed.
Golf Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to take the golf tournament sponsor banner to the barn and hang.
Pet Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next pet clinic is on September 10th. Need to get signs up asap and preferably full 14 days prior to clinic in future. Need to inquire to status of feather flags for upcoming clinic.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the need to put together a budget for the 2024-25 school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan is to present the budget in October.
Wishlist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to look into helping to fund matching jackets for the livestock show team.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Russell is going to send email sent to parents to educate on what we do, why, how to join, and an encouragement to get involved. Reiterated the need that everyone outside of barn needs to feel like they're a part of the Alumni. The email and/or flyer attached is to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how much was raised in 2023-24 school year (\$33,242) how much distributed after expenses (~\$16,000) how much was distributed via scholarships (\$4,000) how much was distributed via stock show bids (\$12,275) + - how much expenses (~\$18,000) + - how much was distributed overall including expenses (\$33,504) Let people know that we support all facets of FFA including shows, floral, ag mech, CDE, LDE, etc. multiple forms of contact

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Desoree, President, phone, website, alumni e-mail ○ Will have Venmo in addition to Square to pay dues. • Will have the member solicitation meeting on September 17th.
Meeting Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student FFA meeting is held at 4:00 pm, a change from 6:30 pm in previous years. • After discussion whether to change the Alumni meeting time to align with student meeting, the plan is to keep Alumni meeting same time and day to ensure maximum ability for parents to attend. • Discussed idea of having video conferencing option for Alumni meetings. The primary concern is internet connectivity as cellular internet at the school is terrible. Discussion was tabled pending further interest in video conferencing.
Advisor Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desoree had a meeting with the advisors. Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting time by students – Students elected their meeting time change to make it easier for students to attend immediately after school. ○ Cameras not working at the project barn – Advisors are aware and a ticket has been submitted to IT to repair. ○ More involvement in getting members – Mr. Russell is sending an e-mail to the parents. There are approximately 250 ag students at CPHS. ○ Information share – While the line is fuzzy, Mr. Russell agreed that more information can be shared between school and Alumni. ○ As there will not be dues collected this year in order to get more people involved, there are some ways that the Alumni can support the students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The spring FFA CDE, LDE, and SDE competitions require students wear collared long sleeve shirts. The Alumni would help purchase shirts, enabling teams to look like a cohesive group. ▪ Providing for district dues of \$250, area dues of \$400, portable restroom and wash station rental at the CP Barn Show of \$700.
State and National Dues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chapter status has become ‘inactive’ as dues have not been paid the last couple of years. • An application has been submitted to reactivate the chapter. • A check was sent in to pay \$100 state and \$100 national dues with the application.
Fundraisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed CP Barn Show concessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Associated concessions costs last year included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ brisket for \$268 ▪ snacks for \$400 ▪ coffee for \$162 ○ Would like to get more sponsored this year.
Project Barn Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed whether the keypad code needed changing as has been

	the same code for at least three years.
Organization Categorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the ‘booster vs alumni’ categorization. Has been our understanding that the alumni categorization allows us to operate more freely than that of a booster organization. • Agreed to talk to former members, other school’s Alumni presidents, and Texas state Alumni officials before making any changes.
Officer Duties For Future Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All officers present expressed the opinion that they felt as though the written instruction and reference for their position was lacking. • Discussed getting and organizing all our information, files, logos, etc. in a coherent format for future officers to have more guidance.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned at 8:11 pm by Desoree. Seconded by Melissa.