

Meeting	Cedar Park FFA Alumni Board Meeting
Date/Time	10/1/2024 at 6:30 PM
Location	Randall's (1400 Cypress Creek Rd)
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.
Budget Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa provided a spreadsheet outlining expected expenses and fundraising income categories for the year. Desoree outlined how to set a budget for the year from an accounting standpoint. Acknowledged the following income sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carryover from prior year Golf tournament Membership and swag sales Pet clinics Spring banquet silent auction Acknowledged the following expense items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. O. Box renewal Barn improvements Carryover for the next year Trailer maintenance State and national FFA dues Golf tournament Scholarships Student chapter support Show payouts Barn invitational jackpot Carryover from year-to-year historically and currently set at \$4,000. Tentatively set amounts for the above categories. Melissa to complete spreadsheet with current bank account balances and have for next Alumni meeting.
Barn Invitational Jackpot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni has agree to provide funds for the portable restroom and wash station rental at the CP Barn Show at an amount of about \$600. Desoree to reach out to contacts to inquire about donated or discounted portable restroom and wash station rental options. As mentioned at the last Alumni meeting, Nathalie's Donuts has agreed to donate kolaches and donuts for breakfast. Still searching for coffee donor. Two local businesses declined, have put in donation request at Dutch Bros. That request is still pending. Concessions lunch items discussed with an agreement to have items such as sausage wraps, hot dogs, nachos, chips, and candy. Morgan to create specific list of items to request donations at local grocery

	stores.
Student Chapter Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated agreement to provide funds to purchase collared long sleeve shirts for the spring CDE, LDE, and SDE competitions. Will likely be six 4-member teams for a total of 24 shirts. The allocated budget cost is \$600. • Discussed creating a budget for different levels of competition and how to reward students as they progress. Tentative plan is to provide goodie bags for kids going to competitions. Would like to also provide for dinner(s) while at competition +- providing donated restaurant gift cards. • Would like to provide for meals at student chapter meetings. • Would like to fund or get show shirts for students going to the Barn Invitational Jackpot, WCLA, GLFFA, majors, etc. The idea is to promote camaraderie and school representation at shows. Morgan will reach out to barn students to ask preference of t-shirt vs long sleeve and screen print vs embroidery. Will need to be in production within the next month to have in time for shows.
GLFFA Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alumni offered to sponsor a buckle for the Barn Invitational Jackpot. As all buckles are apparently already sponsored for that show, will inquire into sponsoring a buckle at the GLFFA Show.
Alumni Trailer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggestion was made to use a trailer lock to secure the Alumni trailer versus the potential to store the trailer within the fenced area at the project barn. It was agreed that it was a more likely option to use a trailer lock and for the key to the trailer lock be kept in a safe location accessible to authorized individuals within the barn storeroom.
Project Barn Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised about the condition and the maintenance of barn equipment such as wheelbarrows and shovels. • It was suggested that the advisors should be responsible for ensuring equipment is properly cared for. • The possibility of reallocating funds from barn equipment to CDEs and LDEs was considered due to dissatisfaction with the apparent lack of care of the previously provided barn equipment.
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of scholarships was discussed, with the question of whether to offer fewer larger scholarships or more smaller scholarships based on the number of applicants and the quality of their applications. The goal would be to ensure that scholarships are awarded to deserving students while balancing support for as many graduating seniors as reasonable.
Membership Dues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual dues have been \$35 individual and \$50 family in years past. • After discussion, the board would like to reduce the dues rate to attract membership. • The two new membership options proposed are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual membership for \$10 ◦ Individual membership with a student yard sign for \$25 • For example, a family of 2 parents and one student with a yard sign

	<p>would be $\\$10 + \\$25 = \\$35$. A family of 2 parents and one student not needing a yard sign would be $\\$10 + \\$10 = \\$20$.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni members will vote on the proposed membership dues options at the next general meeting.
Swag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although not a huge fundraiser, would like to have an opportunity for Alumni members and students to purchase FFA swag. • Board members will try to locate any designs from the past for consideration. • Once designs decided, will contact JM Tees (who produced swag items last year) to set up an online store.
Alumni Officer Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns have been raised regarding the absence of the current Alumni Board Vice-President, Roger Bradlau. Several attempts at engaging him for this school year have resulted in initial text messages of intent with a lack of attendance at board or general meetings and recent communication has been lacking. While the board would liked to have Roger continue as Vice-President, it was agreed by the three present board members to replace him for this second of his two-year term on the board. Alumni members will vote on a new Vice-President at the next general meeting.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned at 9:11 pm by Desoree. Seconded by Melissa.