



**AHHS FFA ALUMNI & FRIENDS
2024-25 BOARD**



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MEETING AGENDA

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024
MEETING TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Ag Building – Mitchell's Room

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
6:00 p.m.	Call to Order - Welcome & Announcements - Thank you, parent volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rattlers Pancake Breakfast 	Lisa
	<p>Requested parent feedback on the Texas rattlers pancake breakfast. Parents responded that kids handed out flyers and cooked parents mostly served breakfast. Mentioned that they thought the breakfast was started by two Arlington high school graduates mentioned that Arlington high school students had matching shirts.</p> <p>Lisa hasn't received confirmation on amount, but a parent commented that she saw the check at the PBR event.</p> <p>Only Arlington high school students taken to front for check presentation.</p> <p>Lisa explained that the Texas rattlers professional bull riding group host the pancake community event to support a local organization.</p> <p>Shands mentioned that she will be meeting with Arlington high school teachers to understand how to get more student involvement.</p> <p>Vice president Natalie recognized the parents that volunteered for the event.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of Sept. 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes (posted online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://arlingtonheightsffa.ffanow.org/alumni <p>Erin East moved to approve. Aileen Milton second the approval.</p>	
6:15 p.m.	Treasurer's Report - Review of income/ expenses Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Glenn
	<p>Noted that the financials for last month were printed instead of the current month.</p> <p>Provided an accounting of the current month. There is currently \$22,252 available, with \$1702 earmarked.</p> <p>For the month \$2000 of scholarships have been paid. Memberships remitted for the 2425 year or a \$200 check.</p> <p>Provided a Chick-fil-A lunch for FFA officers for \$287 and a wishlist of bar equipment for \$783.</p> <p>Total payments for the last 30 days are \$3270.</p>	



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6:25 p.m.

Fundraising

Lisa, Drew

-Sponsorship Packet

Attachments: Yes No

Presented the new sponsorship packet, which is similar to last year that includes updated photos for this year, including the banner and T-shirt from this past year. Some minor tweaks and wording on the levels of sponsorship, reflecting what we can do and not overload volunteers.

One new option for recognition may be putting names on the gooseneck trailers and maybe having the egg Mac team build something larger to recognize the big sponsors on the trailers, keeping in mind that it all has to be removable.

Our title sponsor option is not listed, because that will likely be the Texas Rattlers, based on their potential donation.

On the invoice page, if you get a sponsor, send it to us with their business logo. Can provide Drew or Lisa's number if that's helpful. On payment options, Zelle has been taken off, but can take payments via cash check Venmo or square.

The timeframe for Sponsorship runs from January to December.

The current banner and T-shirt will continue through the end of the year. The new banner and T-shirt will start in January with the FWSSR.

Question from Parent: do we have a target number of sponsors at each level? targeting 50 family sponsors and \$25,000 in sponsorships.

Comment from Parent: suggest connecting the people that sign up to buy at county show with sponsorships and vice versa.

Sponsorship levels haven't changed and are pretty low, which means a big ad for low money investment.

Question from Parent: what level Sponsorship would be needed for the goose neck trailer? Maybe 250 level but need to figure out details.

Last year we had about 17 family sponsors, 6 arena level sponsors, 6 box level sponsors, 12 bar level sponsors.

Hoping to print multiple banners for this year, so we can spread the banners around for ag versus animals versus different animals.

Question from Parent: if we do multiple banners, Wood sponsors go on all banners? Yes.



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Question from Parent: what is the deadline for sponsorships? November 30 2024.

Comment from Parent: for students in multiple activities, this is another ask.

Drew mentioned other things to raise money, such as PIC a day of the month and a raffle for a grill at the barn show. If someone wants to donate items, connect them with us we can work out any kind donations. Shannon mentioned that another school does a fundraiser as fill the cow. Could do different species every month.

Question from Parent: will we be doing the beef raffle again and how much did we make? Didn't sell all tickets, but made \$2000. Not sure if we will do it again, but we'll see what's available.

The sponsor package will be emailed out.

6:45 p.m.

Special Events

Aileen

- AHHS FFA Barn Show
 - o 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9
 - o Signup Genius

Attachments: Yes No

Barn show is coming up. She has ordered belt buckles, even for adult Awards. Parents are actually out there working to get the adult showmanship award.

A sign-up genius will be going out to support breakfast and lunch. Plan to have breakfast tacos, and cinnamon rolls, that are donated by parents. Will also have hotdogs chips and drink.

Question from Parent: did we rent hot chocolate and coffee containers? Not sure. Shands suggested a crockpot for hot chocolate .

Question from Parent: what time should parents arrive for barn show?

Actual barn show is from 9 AM to 1 PM. Clinic will run from 9 AM to about 10 or 10:30 AM. Kids will then have a break. The show will start around 10:30 or 11 AM Done likely by around 12 PM. It's a good idea for parents to be there to listen at the clinic if not attending the clinic. Come by 10 AM for the show.

Adult sign ups for the showmanship will be at the door.

President Lisa mentioned the merchandise sale. Made about \$380. The store will be open until October 31. No additional merchandise will be sold before the end of the year, so get all Christmas presents now.

Comment from Parent: is merchandise online? Will resend the link.



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7:00p.m.

Teacher Report

Fab Five

- Last day to pay FFA Dues: Oct. 11
 - Stock Show Entry Night (includes swine): Oct. 28
- Attachments: Yes No

Mentioned the barn show on November 9th is the night after a big football game. There will be time after school to set up. The judges are lined up.

Recently took 12 to 15 1-year students to Greenhand camp.

There are some upcoming LDE events. She encouraged parents to suggest kids do it. It develops good skills and public speaking. There is an event at Tarleton on 10/30. There is a district contest on 11/12. It is an all-day event and it would be helpful if the organization would help with pizza and drinks.

On 10/28 is the stock show entry night in the cafeteria, they are streamlining the. Parents need to come out full payment is needed. Highly suggest getting parking passes.

Comment about entering the youth fair to qualify for a scholarship if your kid doesn't show animals in the stock show.

School fundraiser ended on 10/4. if families have an ordered, they can still order and FFA will receive the money. Delivery should be to your house.

For the stock show will be based on grades for the third six weeks.

There is a broiler meeting tomorrow during lunch

Question Parent: when will coop be ready? maybe starting next week. Want to have cull areas.

7:30 p.m.

Adjourn 7:07 p.m.