

SN FFA Alumni Meeting

1.20.25- SNHS

Call to Order: Cameron Gowen opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Tori read the minutes and a motion was made by Janice to accept. Mr. Joyner seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given- there is \$25,613.56 in the account. The total gross income from the Boston Butt sale in the fall was \$10,800. Net income was \$6,407.49 with a \$500 donation included in that total.

Blake Cary presented the chapter update. The chapter sold 18 trees and 40 wreaths at their Grinch in the Greenhouse event. The group reflected on the timing of the event and discussed a few different scheduling options that would attract more attendees. Ms. Mejia said it is not possible to make the trees available earlier because of the availability and pricing information that comes from the producers in the mountains.

NOMINATING needs a chairperson.

SCHOLARSHIP committee discussed the due date of the two scholarships this year. The deadline to submit is March 2. The applications are online. The banquet is April 22 awards night is April 30th- the scholarships will need to be presented at both events.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Boston Butt sale is April 1st. This is the student chapter's spring fundraiser. Alumni will discuss more details at the February and March meetings.

Ms. Mejia requested increased funding for the spring blue jacket camp. \$1000 is needed for 12 participants. Tori recalled that there was about \$50 leftover from the annual budget after last year's blue jacket camp. Amy made a motion to give the extra \$1000 for the spring camp. Pepper Manning seconded. Mrs. Manning commented on the

positive impact that the jacket camp has made on the students. Mrs. Mejia also mentioned how great it is to more students than just the officers wearing their own personal jackets at events, conventions, and conferences. Motion passed.

Reuben talked about the upcoming FFA week and Federation contests that will be hosted at our school on Feb. 26 at 4:00. The chapter needs volunteers to judge Creed, Parli Pro, Public Speaking, and Job Interview. 2 judges per contest are needed.

Brake talked about the Livestock Show on March 21st. Check in will begin at 7:30. Alumni agreed to do concessions at breakfast and lunch. There are already 33 entries for the show. Amy shared the shopping list of concession items. She will check on the sausage donation again. We will firm up all the details at the next meeting. Brake offered to have a banner made for us while she is making other banners for the event. Other ideas were mentioned about advertising that could be done for the alumni at the event. Tori made a motion to have the banner made and small cards with info and a QR code to include with each hotdog and registration. Pepper seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Brake introduced us to the two student teachers this semester: Hope Latta and Cassidy Van Wagenen.

Mr. B talked about the officers that led the pledge at the Nash County Ag Forum. He mentioned the National officer that will be visiting on February 23. The chapter was one of three in the state selected to host the national officer. March 3 is the regional teachers meeting and regional officer interviews that the chapter is hosting. April 21 is the poultry processing day that anyone is welcome to participate in. April 22nd is the banquet at the school. The chapter wants to continue the cake silent auction because it helps cover hotel costs for the State Convention.

The hunters safety team has 7 interested participants, but the event is the same day as the livestock show. Ms. Mejia mentioned the idea to do an alumni/student event where we could use the supplies from the NRA grant. Mr. Joyner mentioned charging or taking donations at the event to raise money. Tori and Lisandra will pick a date and discuss details at the next meeting.

Janice drew names for door prizes. One \$50 was awarded to Ryan Joyner. One \$25 was awarded to Liana Vandemark.

Our next meeting will be held on January 17.

Pepper Manning made a motion to adjourn at 7:15.

Students present:

Blake Cary
Liana Vandemark
Grace Davenport
Eli Manning
Riley Strickland

Previously paid members:

Steven and Danielle Boswell
Janice and Shannon Davenport
Robert and Adrianne Covington
Ralph Pegram
Beth Medlin
Harriet Cook
Angie and Trevor Vandemark
Tori and Clay Whitley
Catina and Chris Cary
Betty and Cornelius Joyner
Ryan Joyner
Sharon and Jeff Whitley
Stuart Amy Parker
Pepper and Brent Manning
Barry and Tammy Kiger
Cameron and Crystal Gowen
Marcus Mitchell and Bill Wilder

Scholarship Committee

Robert Covington (Chair)
Barry Kiger
Sharon Whitley
Justin Daniel

Nominating Committee

Cameron Gowen
Clay Whitley (Chair)

Finance Committee

Pepper Manning (Chair)
Tori Whitley
Harriet Cook
Crystal Gowen

Boston Butt Sale Fall 2025	
Income	
Boston Butt Sales	\$10,300.00
Donations	\$500.00
Gross Profit	\$10,800.00
250	Total Butts Sold
Expenses	
Meat	\$3,837.64
Supplies	\$554.87
Total Expenses	\$4,392.51
Net Profit	\$6,407.49
\$17	per boston butt
\$18.36	with supplies included
\$21.64	Profit Margin per unit