

SN FFA Alumni Meeting

9.16.25- SNHS

Presiding: Janice Davenport

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Janice Davenport opened the meeting with a welcome and invitation to the pizza dinner being served. Tori Whitley read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Vandemark made a motion to accept. Mr. Pegram seconded. Motion passed. Tori also read the treasurer's report. As of this meeting, the account balance is \$22,237.20. A table cloth was purchased for the table setup at Ag Night and other marketing events. The meal tonight will be paid out of our account.

Mrs. Manning spoke about the students who served as interns over the summer. Arianna, one of the interns, was presented with a check for her completed internship hours. She spoke about her experiences caring for the animals, especially the sheep. She graduated in the spring and was grateful for the opportunity.

Blake Cary gave the chapter update including dates for upcoming events. Eli Manning spoke about the volunteering opportunity students had at the Momeyer Ruritan Club's recent chicken plate sale. This year, Strickland Brothers donated a conveyer belt solely for the students to operate. At Red Oak's recent Tractor Show, students volunteered in the kid zone. The chapter also recently set up their fair booth display at the Wilson Co. Fair.

OLD BUSINESS

We need grills documented on the sign up sheet so we can determine the maximum amount of butts we need to sell. Mrs. Brake is handling getting the meat secured. Forms will be ready by next meeting. Anyone can sign up to get supplies- put your name on the sheet by the supplies you plan to shop for. Give Tori your receipts!

Athletic Boosters has card readers we could borrow for card transactions. Discussion was had about getting our own card readers for our boston butt sales. May be something for the future but we still need the paper trails and cash/check payment options.

NEW BUSINESS

Ag Appreciation Night at the football game is this Friday, Sept. 19. There are plenty of kids to help with the corn booth, but they could use at least one adult. Setup of all vendors needs to be done by 5:45. Everyone will be set up inside the gates. There will be sheep drop bingo. The Alumni will have a table and will giveaway flyers about our chapter and the points reward system.

Ledbetter needs volunteers for the Truck and Tractor driving contest Thursday night.

The alumni previously voted by email to support the students' trip to National Convention. We are giving \$1500 to cover the hotel cost. There was much discussion over how we could further support the students to bring down the cost even more. The total student cost is currently set at \$175 which does not include meals while traveling. The group concluded that we would decide how much more to give after the advisors touch base with parents about the details of the trip. Then, we can decide how much more to give or which specific costs to cover. Pepper will likely send out another request for input and a ballot for voting since we do not meet again until after the funds are needed.

The Hunters Safety team is asking for a volunteer leader to step u and continue the program. Ms. Mejia is not able to hold practices, but will do all the administrative work to facilitate the team. Mr. Pegram is going to check with the local NRA to see if there are any interested potential coaches.

Our next meeting will be held on October 21.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Members paid at this meeting:

**Catina and Chris Cary
Betty and Cornelius Joyner
Sharon and Jeff Whitley**

Previously paid members:

**Steven and Danielle Boswell
Janice and Shannon Davenport
Robert and Adrianne Covington
Ralph Pegram
Beth Medlin
Harriet Cook
Angie and Trevor Vandermark**

Tori and Clay Whitley