

Dickinson FFA - Chapter Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2019

Opening Ceremonies

Welcome Back everyone and thank you for coming to our first chapter meeting of the year.

Old Business

- Last School Year
 - We ended the last school year on a great note with our end of the year banquet. Dickinson FFA had great success this past school year with over 120 members in our chapter. At our banquet we installed our new officer team. This team over the summer travelled to the Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth. While there we attended general sessions of the state convention and came together as a team. We are eagerly looking forward to a great year and continuing to grow our great chapter.

New Business

- Introductions:
 - Officer Team will introduce themselves. Mr. Bishop will introduce himself.
- Membership
 - Membership Forms are now available to be filled out online. Please go to tinyurl.com/dickinsonffamembership or our website dickinson.ffa.org and click on the link for the membership form. The link to RevTrak can also be found on our website to go and pay for membership fees. Fees are still \$35 per student for the year. Membership forms and fees deadline is October 2nd.
- Pet Food & Supply Drive
 - The Officer Team has decided that the FFA will conduct a community service activity each month for the entire school year. For the month of September the FFA will be collecting dog and cat food, as well as pet supplies such as kitty litter, kitten milk replacer, and dog treats. Items can be dropped off to the ag teachers or at the barn after school. We will also have a community drop off day on Thursday, September 19th at the barn until 7pm.
- Homecoming Parade
 - The DISD Homecoming Parade will be Monday, September 23rd. As always, the FFA will have a float in the parade and all members are invited to participate, we just ask that you bring at least 2 bags of non-melting (not chocolate) candy. We will be working on the float after school in the time leading up to the parade. We will have an "official" float building day on Sept. 19th. The parade route runs from Kranz Jr. High back to the football stadium so we will leave from and return to the ag barn. We will have more information to come.

- Homecoming Carnival
 - The FFA has been asked again this year to participate as an official food vendor in the Homecoming Carnival at DHS. The carnival takes place during the school day in the parking lot. Last year we were the only student group allowed to sell food alongside the food trucks and we sold more than all of them! We even ran out of brisket with time left in the carnival. We are asking for donations of briskets for us to cook and serve as chopped BBQ sandwiches during the carnival. This was a great fundraiser last year not only bringing a lot of recognition to the FFA but also nearly \$2000 in sales.
- Barn Meetings & Stall Fees
 - If you plan on raising animals and keeping them in the Ag Barn, you need to get in contact with Ms. Casey Schoen to get the process started for your barn contract and stall fees if you have not done so already. You must bring the notarized signature page with you to the meeting and pay your stall fees, in full, at the time of the meeting. Remember, NO animals will be allowed in the Ag Barn without a contract on file and paid stall fees.
- Major Show Tags
 - Spring Major Show tag deadlines are quickly approaching. If you are interested in showing your animal in a spring major show, those tags must be purchased through the Galveston County Extension Office online. Tags for Lambs and Goats has past but you can still order with a late fee at \$40 per tag, deadline is September 19th. Validation for Heifers is still open at \$17 per heifer, deadline is September 19th. Tags for Swine is also still open at \$17 per tag, deadline is September 25th. We will have more information soon about tag-in and heifer validation dates for spring majors.
- Committees
 - We will start assembling committees for the Showdown, Community Service Projects, and the Banquet. If you would like to serve on a committee please put your name on one of the sign up sheets on the table outside after the meeting.
- LDE Teams
 - If you are a high school student and are interested in competing on an LDE team, please come meet with the officer team after the meeting. We will be working on assembling teams and scheduling practice and work times during CHOMP time.
- Purchasing
 - Our Purchase Order Requests have been submitted to the business office so we should have purchasing capabilities soon. We will be finishing the cattle drying area in the back as well as getting some new equipment at the barn including wall mounted fans in the lamb and goat areas as well as adding additional lockers in the pig area.
- October Chapter Meeting - Oct. 2nd
 - Our next Chapter Meeting will be on October 2nd at 6pm in the LGI room. At this meeting we will finish our Pet Food Drive, Introduce our Fresh Country Fundraiser, and Announce our October Community Service Activity. We also hope to have the new chapter t-shirts by this meeting.

Thank you for attending the chapter meeting. We look forward to having a successful year. Have a great night.