

# Utopia - September Chapter Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:45 PM**

Location: **Ag Shop**

Presiding Officer: **Hallie Moore**

## Call to Order / Opening Ceremony

**President:** "The meeting room will come to order. We are now holding a meeting of the Utopia FFA Chapter. Mdm. Vice President, are all officers at their stations?"

**Vice President:** (Rising and facing the president) "I shall call the roll of officers, determine if they are at their stations and report back to you, Mdm. President."

**Vice President:** (Calling roll of officers) "The sentinel."

**Sentinel:** "Stationed by the door."

**Vice President:** "Your duties there?"

**Sentinel:** "Through this door pass many friends of the FFA. It is my duty to see that the door is open to our friends at all times and that they are welcome. I care for the meeting room and paraphernalia. I strive to keep the room comfortable and assist the president in maintaining order."

**Vice President:** "The reporter."

**Reporter:** "The reporter is stationed by the flag."

**Vice President:** "Why by the flag?"

**Reporter:** "As the flag covers the United States of America, so I strive to inform the people in order that every man, woman and child may know that the FFA is a national organization that reaches from the state of Alaska to the Virgin Islands and from the state of Maine to Hawaii."

**Vice President:** "The treasurer."

**Treasurer:** "Stationed at the emblem of Washington."

**Vice President:** "Your duties there?"

**Treasurer:** "I keep a record of receipts and disbursements just as Washington kept his farm accounts—carefully and accurately. I encourage thrift among the members and strive to build up our financial standing through savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his country because he was financially independent."

**Vice President:** "The secretary."

**Secretary:** "Stationed by the ear of corn."

**Vice President:** "Your duties there?"

**Secretary:** "I keep an accurate record of all meetings and correspond with other secretaries wherever corn is grown and FFA members meet."

**Vice President:** "The advisor."

**Advisor:** "Here by the owl."

**Vice President:** "Why stationed by the owl?"

**Advisor:** "The owl is a time-honored emblem of knowledge and wisdom. Being older than the rest of you, I am asked to advise you from time to time, as the need arises. I hope that my advice will always be based on true knowledge and ripened with wisdom. Mdm. Vice President, why do you keep a plow at your station?"

**Vice President:** "The plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil. Without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much. My duties require me to assist at all times in directing the work of our organization. I preside over meetings in the absence of our president, whose place is beneath the rising sun."

**Advisor:** "Why is the president so stationed?"

**Vice President:** "The rising sun is the token of a new era in agriculture. If we will follow the leadership of our president, we shall be led out of the darkness of selfishness and into the glorious sunlight of brotherhood and cooperation. Mr./Mdm. President, all officers are at their stations."

**President:** (Rises and faces the vice president) "Thank you, Mdm. Vice President." (All take seats at tap of gavel.) "The secretary will call the roll of members."

**Secretary:** "There are numerous members and guests present, Mdm. President."

**President:** "Thank you. FFA members, why are we here?" (All members stand at three taps of gavel.)

**All members in unison:** "To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities and develop those qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess." (All are seated at one tap of gavel.)

President: "May we accomplish our purposes. I now declare this meeting of the Utopia FFA Chapter duly open for the transaction of business, or attention to any matters which may properly be presented."

All return to your station markers up front

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Hallie: We will now have the secretary's report

Secretary's Report - Brayden Long

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - Utopia FFA Chapter - April 14th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by the President - 10 members were present.

Cora Dean gave the Treasure's Report as follows -

Balance on Hand at Date of Last Report: \$1874.53

Total Disbursements: \$255.00

Present Balance as of April 14th: \$1619.53

The president talked about steer validations and summer events.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Signed, **Brayden Long**, Secretary

Hallie: Are there corrections or additions to the minutes? (pause briefly) If not, they stand approved as read" (one tape of the gavel)

## Officer Reports

Hallie: We will now have the treasure's report

TREASURE'S REPORT - Cora

Treasurer's Report Sep 21st, 2022

Beginning balance: \$1619.53

Total receipts: \$3278.53

Total Disbursements: \$1243.90

Present Balance as of Sept 21st: \$2034.63

Signed: **Cora Dean**, Treasurer

Hallie: This report is for informational purposes only and will be referred to the auditing committee. A copy of the

report will be filed with the auditing committee and with the secretary for their information"

## Standing and Special Committee Reports

Hallie: Do we have any committee reports?

Committee Reports - Chloe M.

Utopia FFA has developed 3 standing committees that follow the National FFA guidelines for POAs and committees. These committees will have 5 quality standards each to help develop and focus chapter activities. They are as follows:

**Growing Leaders Committee:** This committee includes the quality standards of leadership, healthy lifestyle, scholarship, personal growth, and career success. Bailey McBeth is the committee chairperson.

**Building Communities Committee:** This committee includes the quality standards of citizenship, Human Resources, stakeholder engagement, economic development, and environmental. Chloe Matocha is the committee Chairperson.

**Strengthening Agriculture Committee:** This committee includes the quality standards of chapter recruitment, support groups, safety, agricultural advocacy, agricultural literacy. Bailey McBeth is the committee chairperson.

It is an honor to serve as a committee chairperson and Utopia FFA is lucky to have these two members in a chairperson position! We highly encourage every FFA member to join a committee to help with scholarship applications, community projects and leadership positions! More information will be given out at a later date.

## Orders of the Day

Bailey McBeth - Prayer

Father, Thank you for the nourishment that you provide. Thank you for meeting our physical needs of hunger and thirst. Forgive us for taking that simple joy for granted, and bless these refreshments to bring joy to those who are here tonight. We pray that we will be energized and be able to work for the glory of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## Program of Activities Reports

Hallie - Participation Points

Participation points this year will be the same as previous years. You will need 5 points to participate at the county stock show and 3 points to participate for major shows. You can earn points by participating in community service projects, attending FFA meetings, competing in contests and other special events throughout the year. Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show requires exhibitors to attend a minimum of 3 FFA meetings to be eligible to show. Make sure that you sign into each meeting you attend in order to get credit. FFA members are also eligible to receive participation points towards their letterman jackets. District contests are 1 point, this includes county stock show, and 1/2 a point for events above the district level.

Addison - Greenhand Announcements

Utopia FFA was blessed to be able to host the Revaldina District Greenhand Camp once again this year! We welcomed over 125 first year FFA members, including 14 of our own, on September 14th to join us for an evening of activities. Members completed 4 rotations of workshops focused on leadership development, participated in a recycling drive community service project, and made new friends from over 10 other schools! Our officer team helped serve food and the district officers with their rotations.

#### Cooper - UCJLS Updates

The Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 26-28th, 2023 at the Uvalde County Fairplex. All exhibitors wanting to show under Utopia FFA will need to be a paid FFA member and meet the participation points to be eligible. All livestock entries must be completed online through the ucjls.org website. Exhibitors must sign up for a concession stand time slot as well on the ucjls.org website. These items must be completed prior to your species validation date! Proof of concession stand sign up must be printed and brought to validation. It is imperative that all exhibitors have a copy of the most updated rule book and know your validation dates and species rules. A copy of the rules can be found on the ucjls.org website or the Utopia FFA website. The dates for the upcoming validations and entry deadlines are as follows:

- Commercial Heifers: September 25th
- Market Lambs, breeding sheep and meat goats: October 29th
- Swine: November 12th
- Horses: December 5th
- Poultry: December 10th (pickup date)
- Rabbits: January 5th

Poultry orders and entries are due by November 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS. The deadline for entries for farm projects, baked foods, homemade salsa, and photography is December 1st.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to get your animals validated and entry fees paid by the correct date! We are currently working with the livestock board, extension agent and species superintendents to setup a new date for Utopia market lambs, breeding sheep and meat goats due to conflict with our Fall Festival. As soon as we have a date, we will let everyone know.

#### Chloe C - LDE Contest Dates

LDE, or Leadership Development Events, are in full swing! We have begun practices and are getting ready for the district contest! Contest dates can be found on the Utopia FFA website. It is important that members who are on a team keep their parents in the loop about contest dates. Any conflicts need to be addressed with the ag teachers ASAP. Failure to attend contests without prior notice could result in the removal from a team. The contest dates are as follows:

- October 3rd: Crockett FFA Virtual Contest
- October 10th: Watervalley FFA Virtual Quiz Contest
- October 17th: Jacksonville FFA Virtual Quiz Contest
- October 22nd: Junction FFA Invitational LDE Contest
- October 26th: Angelo State Invitational LDE Contest
- October 28th: Palo Alto College Invitational LDE Contest
- October 31st: Van FFA Virtual LDE Contest
- November 3rd: Tarleton State Invitational LDE Contest
- November 9th: Revaldina District LDEs
- November 16th: Area VII LDEs (teams that advance)
- December 2nd-3rd: State LDEs (teams that advance)

All team members need to make sure they are attending their respective team practices majority of the time. Failure to attend practices could result in removal from team.

#### Brayden - Fundraiser

We are starting our annual FFA fundraiser today! We will be selling quality smoked meats and gourmet cookie dough through Seitz Fundraising. Students have set up a personal link to send out to buyers today during class.

Please get with a member to see items and pricing! Fundraising is the only way that our chapter is able to pay for different events such as contests, banquets, conventions, travel costs and so forth. We need all the help we can get from our community to help the FFA members be able to participate in these things! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the ag teachers.

#### Cora - Ladies of Tradition Trail Ride

One of our annual community service projects is coming up! We will once again help with stall set up for the Ladies of Tradition Trail Ride event. We will be delivering bags shavings and hay into the tack stalls along with setting up a portable warm-up arena. We will be leaving the school at 11 AM by bus to Neal's Ranch in Concan, TX and should return around 5 PM. We will need all the help we can get! This will count as your fall community service project and give you a participation point. Sign up sheets can be found at the table by the door and will be in the ag classrooms. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or an ag teacher.

### Adjourn / Closing Ceremony

**President:** "Mdm. Secretary, do you have a record of any further business which should now be transacted?"

**Secretary:** (Rises, replies and is seated.) "I have none, Mdm. President."

**President:** "Does any member know of any new or unfinished business which should properly come before this meeting? (If no answer, proceed as follows.)"

"We are about to adjourn this meeting of the Utopia FFA Chapter. As we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone and, above all, honest and fair in the game of life. Fellow members and guests, join me in a salute to our flag."

(Tap three times with gavel to call members to stand, face the flag at the reporter's station and, with their right hands over their hearts, repeat the following salute.)

**All in unison:** "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**President:** "I now declare this meeting adjourned." (Tap once with gavel and the meeting is adjourned.)

### Entertainment, Recreation, and Refreshments

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the refreshments provided!