**Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting were read by Secretary Sara Blackburn.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The beginning balance is 5,402.87, the total receipt amount is 1,741.00 (Homecoming Reps, Validation Tags, Membership, and Chapter T-shirts), the total disbursements is 1,138.00 (Validation Tags, Leadership Camp Registration, Homecoming Reps, and Officer Shirts) and a closing balance is $6,006.87.

**Committee Reports:**

**Chapter Recruitment:** Annette Garcia, Chair explained the committees October event will be the PTSA Truck-or-Treat. Any member that would like to donate a bag of wrapped candy can earn community service hours (1 bag= 1hour of service, limit max 2 bags). All committee members and officers are required to attend the event. If you are on the committee please see Annette for further planning.

**Leadership Committee:** We still need a committee chair and to plan activities! Camryn Resendiz and Josh Ruiz need additional members to join this committee so activities can be planned.

**Program:**

**New Business:**

**Adopt-A-Highway (community service):**

Adopt-A-Highway will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Those interested in participating are to meet on Saturday morning at 8am in the Stuart Place Elementary parking lot. We recommend wearing rubber boots/ closed toed shoes, jeans and long sleeve shirt.

**Swine Validation:**

Swine Validation will be held on November 8, 2023 at the Ag barn from 4-6 pm. Exhibitor and parent must attend validation. If you miss this validation you will have to transport your hog to the county validation on November 14, 2023.

**Lamb/Goat Validation:**

Goat/Lamb Validation will be held on October 11, 2023 – from 2-5 at the Ag barn. Exhibitor and parent must attend validation. If you miss this validation you will have to transport your lamb/goat to the county validation on October 24, 2023.

**Registered Heifers Validation:**

Registered heifer validation will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2020 from 2-6 at the Ag Barn. \*\*\*MUST HAVE ORIGINAL HARD COPY OF REGISTRATION PAPERS, NOT A PICTURE OR EMAIL OF REGISTRATION\*\*\* Exhibitor and parent must attend validation.

**LDE Practice:**

LDE Practice will start on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Mr. Guerra’s LDEs teams will be quiz (chapter and jr.), and creed (chapter and jr.) and will be held on Tuesdays / Thursday. Ms. Rike’s LDE will be radio broadcasting and will be held on Mondays / Wednesdays. If you have signed up for an LDE – please see the practice schedule.

**Livestock Show Majors:**

Any member wanting to attend a major livestock show (Houston, Austin, San Antonio, etc) needs to get in contact with Mr. Guerra for info and entry forms/fees. Show entry forms, fees, and quality counts quiz, all need to be turned in on Friday, November 10th.

**Membership Dues:**

If you have not paid your membership dues please do so as soon as possible!! Dues are to be paid to an Agriculture Science Teacher by October 3, 2023. Dues are $20.00 per member. You must be a paid member in order to validate your animals under our chapter and compete in any FFA events.

**Market Rabbit Orders:**

If you are planning to show market rabbits and will be purchasing the set of rabbits through the Agriculture Science teachers, the deadline to pay will be Friday, October 13th. The cost will be $65/rabbit - you will need to purchase a minimum of 4 rabbits totaling $260.00. Cash or Check will be accepted for payment - checks are to be made payable to Jesse Guerra.

**Veterinary Science CDE:**

Veterinary Science CDE will be coached by Ms. Rike, study packet materials will be available on October 30, 2023. If you are interested in being on the team please reach out to her by this date. All members interested will take a qualification test for a spot on the team, this test will be on Wednesday, November 15th at 4:10PM.

**Taegan - Prospect Shows:**

October 7th - Rattler-Diamondback Round-up @RGVLS - lambs, goats, cattle

October 28th - RGVLS Fall Festival @RGVLS – lambs, goats, cattle

November 18 – Bobcat Showdown @RGVLS – lambs, goats, cattle

November 18 – Jolly Roger @RGVLS - swine

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM.