Parents' Association of Brazoria County 4-H Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Drawing for Freshies Prize: Keila Crews

Attendance:

- In person: 16 in person, 2 guests
- On Zoom: 0

Britney Campbell, Alvin 4-H
Catherine Bush, Alvin 4-H
Michelle Wilson, Alvin 4-H
Keila Crews, Alvin 4-H
Hanna Fortune, Danbury 4-H
Sandra Waldrop, Fellowship 4-H
Cristina Cox, Midway 4-H
Danielle Hamelmann, Midway 4-H
Jonai Thomas, Midway 4-H
Elesha Alexander, Pearland 4-H
Kevin Largent, Midway 4-H
Nicole Quinn, Midway 4-H
Tiffany McHam, Midway and Eqwise 4-H
Amber Poppinga, Midway 4- H
Alberto Hernandez, Alvin 4-H
Jessica Thomas, Midway 4-H

Pledges were said. Guest speakers were introduced.

Guest Speakers: Farm Bureau
Deana Fuches, Ag Programs Coordinator
Charles LaCompt, Board of Directors

Guest speakers talked to members about "Why be a Farm Bureau Member" and explained that it is more than an insurance company. Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that serves as the voice of agriculture in our community, county, state, and nation. They work with 4-H and FFA to teach about agriculture, Ag in the Classroom, and legislative issues and policy development at the state and national levels. Becoming a member of the Farm Bureau helps them do these things, for example: provide scholarships and educational experiences. Farm Bureau supports education, supports 4-H, the Garden Grant, and the Farmers Corral at Brazoria County Fair. They also offer Add-ons to support kids making sales at the fair. Membership dues help sponsor things like add-ons, scramble certificates, scholarships, and the Student Success Series. Member benefits include discounts at hotels, Office Depot, etc. Deana asked for volunteers to come help during the fair; kids and adults needed. A QR Code was shared to sign up for shifts.

Previous Minutes: Minutes were accepted.

Horticulture Ambassadors Presentation:

Lily and Gunnar shared information about becoming a Horticulture Ambassador. Applications due October 9th.

Treasurer's Report:

Albert Hernandez gave the Treasurer's Report. Proposed a budget of $56,150.00 for 26-27. The motion was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Thank-you letters from scholarship recipients were shared from:

- Haley Gobel at Sam Houston State
- Crysten Short at Texas State University

Club Reports:
Members went around and introduced themselves and shared what their clubs were doing.

Old Business:
Surveys for county camp and awards have been shared and include a QR Code, to collect feedback for the 1st committee meeting. Please give some good feedback so we can continue to grow.

Jonai Thomas -JCCA update…participation is up from when we had when it was held in December. We will continue to have the JCCA contest in September. This year they changed a few things up; everything came in on Friday. Michele and Rachel came back to help. Photography and baked goods were judged on Friday night. Not as much participation in senior division. Will stay on Friday/Sat next year. Ribbons were not placed on all the items made and displayed (given to the exhibitor in their bag after awards). May go back to putting ribbons on items for display. JCCA Awards were discussed. They did not get as many sponsorships this year. They gave out three buckles and gift cards. To increase prizes for next year, we need to look into more sponsorships and try to increase participation next year.

New Business:

National 4-H Week is October 4th. Think about one way we can support 4-H in our own local communities….(Will share at end of meeting)

Highlights:

- 4-H enrollment is open; volunteers need to complete enrollment as well
- Helping at farmers' corral (community service)
- Biggest fundraiser, Pecan Sales, is taking place; due to the county office by your club by October 7, 4 pm; club gets 10% back of what your club sells
- Gulf Coast Food Challenge, Friday, Dec. 4th; we are hosting.
- County Food Show, Feb. 22
- Fashion Show
- Project Pens-start making notes for Project Pens; application is there; get started today

- Horticulture. Ambassador applications due Oct. 9th
- Junior Leadership Lab, Nov. 13-14th, opens Sept. 30th.
- Fishing Tourny: registration is closed, but Cassidy is hosting to promote the outdoor rec project
- Major Show tags and validation-can order late tags; QR code does work…
- Keila Crews shared: Local 4-H members lost mom to cancer, Conn kids, Members of Alvin 4-H. Members discussed options for helping the family. Jonai Thomas mentioned making a straight donation to the family. Kevin made a motion to donate $500 to the family. The motion was approved, and the committee will work with the office to get a check cut to the family.
- Important upcoming dates were shared on the agenda…like the Halloween dance on October 23rd and Eqwise 4-H's Horse Quiz Bowl Contest on November 21st.
- The next Parent's Association Meeting is October 26th. Ingrid Griffin will come to talk about Vet Science.

How can the club help promote 4-H during National 4-H Week:
Ideas shared included: Bring a friend to 4-H night; What would life be like without 4-H or agriculture, fashion, etc.; 4-H to produce functional future adults; post on social media; truth or myth about 4-H; create a Brazoria County 4-H series: Facts and myths on Animal projects, shooting sports, JCCA, public speaking, horticulture; do monthly like a podcast (short snippets); A day where everyone wears their shirt and posts it on social media and shares in the comments; Pumpkin Patch; Trunk or Treat; Promote that 4-H is a family affair, not a drop-off.

Ag ID: Jonai is getting AG ID started up in the county. We need more seniors and juniors to get involved, so see if your kids or club members are interested in getting into AG ID.

Meeting adjourned.