

## **Question 7: What do you do at your chapter meetings?**

### **Allen Gancarz**

We generally held meetings after school and used them to update members who I do not see in class about what is going on.

### **Mike Karpie**

Meetings are boring and no one likes to come . . . SO YOUR BIG TASK IS TO MAKE THEM FUN AND ALWAYS, I MEAN ALWAYS, HAVE A GOOD REASON TO HAVE ONE.

Ideas we use:

- Pizza party meeting for the new membership drive
- Make your own sundae social—getting to know each other
- We go to Chuck E. Cheese for our holiday party/meeting.
- Always give out information at meetings.
- We play games at meetings to develop teamwork.
- Keep the meetings to a good length.
- Start your meetings on time and end your meetings on time.
- The advisor should talk a little, but the kids should do 90 percent.
- We have a summer camp-out to plan the year.
- We collect information at meetings.
- Teach kids about competition at meetings.

### **Bill Lind**

Chapter meetings were only for our officer team. That was about 12 seniors and 12 juniors. They planned the chapter activities at these meetings. They then brought those plans back to the membership as class representatives. They also read DECA News to their classes each Monday. Members gave input through the class reps.

### **Lucinda Mason**

Chapter meetings are student directed. I meet with the president about a week before to get an idea of what needs to be done. Any committees that have had meetings are expected to report on what they have done. Officers who are working on projects are also expected to report on their activities. Sometimes we have businesspeople speak. We don't have refreshments at every meeting, but I try to do that at least three times a year. I have found that kids want to grab it and go, but the idea is to have them socialize, so I've had to set down some rules about that!

### **Dennis Sweetapple**

Our meetings follow parliamentary procedure and are held the second Wednesday of every month.

### **Debbie Tixier**

We organize our officers to get most things done. We have 270 members in our chapter, and it is hard to have all kids meet together. Also, some students are just more active than others. We do have chapter-wide activities like our Kick-off pizza meeting, lots of DECA Week activities, initiation and the end of the year awards. These are for the entire chapter.