

FCS Advisory Leadership Council (ALC) Meeting Minutes

The Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program of the LSU/Southern University Ag Center held their Advisory Leadership Council meeting at the Byerley House. Advisory Council Member and Director of Community Action Rosie Brown recorded the minutes. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Sister Karen Flaherty. Mary Ann Reed conducted the introduction for guests and staff of the LSU/SUAgCenter. Carolyn Robinson used a power point to explain the purpose of the meeting and the roles of the members who were asked to serve as advisory council leaders. Membership applications were signed and gumbo, Caesar salad, crackers, and honey bun cake were served for lunch.

While eating lunch, members were given an overview of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) by Dorris Thompson. Sharon Wilder was absent because of illness so Carolyn Robinson gave an overview of Families First Nutrition Education and Wellness System (FFNEWS).

Each person chose a focus area of interest and participated in break-out sessions to discuss and identify the needs and issues relative to the community for that area. After discussion, each group gave reports of their issues and needs. The groups for the focus areas are:

A. Nutrition and Health

1. Continue to educate families one to one. (Housing Complex)
2. Continue to introduce low fat recipes.
3. Start early nutrition education for children.
4. Keep parents involved
5. More in the schools

B. Family and Child Development

1. Parental involvement
2. Continue collaboration with agencies
3. Pool resources to assist school children with supplies & clothing
4. Continue parenting classes
5. Offer more classes
6. Go to schools to teach parenting, etiquette and manners
7. Reach more young parents

C. Family Resource Management

1. Budgeting
2. Financial management for youth and adults
3. Management of food stamps and money

FCS ALC Meeting Minutes
Page 2

D. Economic Development

1. Inform public about Earned Income Tax Credit
2. Entrepreneurship classes for youth
3. Financial management for youth

The needs and issues were prioritized.

Every one was thanked for their input and their willingness to serve as advisory council members. The meeting was adjourned.



Carolyn E. Robinson
Associate Area Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences
East/West Carroll Parishes