

Advisory Leadership Council Meeting
Family & Consumer Sciences and Economic Development
May 25, 2006

The LSU/Southern University AgCenter Family & Consumer Sciences and Economic Development Advisory Leadership Council Meeting was held at the East Carroll Parish Health Unit Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. Carolyn E. Robinson and Glenn E. Dixon facilitated the program as all enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the LSU/Southern University AgCenter Agents, Carolyn E. Robinson and Glenn E. Dixon, and the East Carroll EFNEP Nutrition Educators.

A list is attached of those in attendance for this Advisor Council meeting.

Carolyn E. Robinson explained some of the working programs we have: FCS, FFNEWS and EFNEP, the purpose of the council as well as what is expected to be accomplished during this meeting.

Mary Ann Reed shared the workings of the EFNEP program and explained how it re-educates clients about nutrition, diet, etc. in both adults and youth.

Glenn E. Dixon gave some important information about available programs in Economic Development as well as understanding and identifying needs in our community.

Nutrition

- Work more with high school for nutrition.
- Exercise program with students and parents
- Continue education for exercise.
- Continue Health Fair
- Work more with daycare (early intervention)

Family & Child Development

- Extra hours for parenting classes
- Conflict resolution – children/parents
- Budgeting – youth
- Local family EXPP
- Workforce preparedness
- Involve churches Ext outreach

Leadership

We currently have no BOLD programs in the parish for sometime now.

- Continue Hospitality workshops.
- Would local leadership program be beneficial?
- Market “Board” training program
- Civic classes
- Continue Hospitality workshop
- Ag in the Classroom (could be brought in conjunction with 4-H since it is already in the schools)
- Conservation
- Environmental Impact (info provide links to funding sources and technical support verses educational information only.)

In closing remarks, Mike Rome East Carroll Parish Chairman, mentioned all Ag personnel is always available to you. And we have resources available to you and the community.

Mr. Rome spoke briefly about the economic tourism LA Delta Highway 65 Group focusing from the Arkansas state line to Vidalia/Ferriday to boost tourism in our economy. Currently getting Delta Outdoor Groups promoting sporting activities, etc.

Mr. Rome thanked those present for their support. Through your support we were able to keep Extension here with the tax issue. We are your servants to help with your needs on Nutrition, 4-H, etc. Give us any ideas you have and we will take it under advisement.

Mr. Rome announced that the Agents will be contacting you to work on or help with some of these committees. Let us know if you have a need – we will respond.

Those in attendance thanked the facilitators for a very informative meeting. With there being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.