

Minutes
LaSalle Parish 4-H Advisory council
LaSalle Parish Courthouse Extension Meeting Room
October 19, 2010

The LaSalle Parish 4-H Advisory Council met on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

Members were greeted and served a meal upon arrival. Linda Franks-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then asked everyone to introduce themselves. Those in attendance were: Linda Franks, Elaine Grimm, Becky Boyd, Nelda Tarver, Kim Evans, Sara Gifford, Laura Gifford, Marilyn Neely, Annette Paul, Karen Creel, Tina Goebel, Carli McClure, and LaVone Boyd.

Those agreeing to serve but unable to attend were: Roy Breithaupt, Keri McNeely, Jessi McNeely, Mildred McGuffee, Jeanell McDowell, Nobie Ross, Daniel Ross, Elizabeth McPherson, Catilynn Thomas, Christie Thomas, Mallarie Thomas, Scott Windham, Ron Carr, Chris Bennett, Jana Bennett, Megan Bradford, Kelly Hudspeth, Jordon Hudspeth and Macy Mills.

Linda Franks, Chairperson, then turned the meeting over to Carli McClure, 4-H Agent.

Carli introduced herself as the new 4-H Agent for LaSalle Parish and told the members she was excited about her position as 4-H agent and looked forward to working with them. She then handed out copies of and gave highlights of the situation statement.

Carli told the group that she has had lots of request of interest from 4-H'ers about the shooting sports program and that she is currently working to get it started in the present club year.

Linda gave highlights of minutes from the last council meeting.

Carli then spoke on the top three issues that were identified in the last meeting. Which were (1) Communication skills, including face to face communication, internet etiquette when texting, internet bullying) (2) Attitude and (3) drugs. She stated that some of her club programs this year are based on these issues. Nelda Tarver made motion to accept minutes from the last meeting and Marilyn Neely seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

The meeting was then turned over to Tina Goebel, Central Region 4-H Coordinator with the LSU AgCenter, facilitator of the meeting. She explained that the purpose of the advisory council was to provide assistance in identifying and prioritizing issues facing youth and to help implement programs addressing these issues. She stated that the through the years issues facing youth have changed, however, the basis has remained the same.

She then handed out a questionnaire to the group asking them to list five issues related to youth in the parish, and what they see as important to consider when planning 4-H programming.

Nelda Tarver stated that as a retired teacher she is not in daily contact with youth and asked Carli what she might be seeing upon working with the youth in the schools.

Carli stated that she has begun to find other ways to communicate with youth about 4-H. She said she has started a LaSalle 4-H Face book page, and the response is doing well. She stated since school began she has already had several activities to get youth involved and the attendance has been very good. Tina informed the group of several camps that are offered to the 4-Hers and the many benefits of them.

Issues discussed were Workforce Preparation, Decision Making, Healthy Living, Job Opportunities, Proper Etiquette, Self-Esteem, Character Ed, Money Management, Drugs & Drinking.

The top three issues identified were (1) Character Education-Self-Esteem, (2)Healthy Living (3) Workforce Preparation . It was determined by prioritization that these top three focuses would need to be incorporated into the 2011-2012 club year.

Tina then asked the council to look at the bottom of the form and rank the project areas listed. Healthy Lifestyles and Financial Management were the top ranked being most important. Kim Evans stated that the Smart Bodies program is being conducted at Goodpine Middle School and Olla Elementary School. The Body Walk will be set up at both Goodpine and Olla Elementary in November. The program emphasizes eating healthy and exercise.

Election of Officers

Nelda Tarver made motion for Linda Franks to remain as Chairperson, Sara Gifford seconded the motion. Motion passed for Linda Franks to remain as Chairperson.

Sara Gifford made motion to nominate Elaine Grimm as Secretary, Nelda Tarver seconded the motion. Motion passed for Elaine Grimm to serve as Secretary.

Officers will began to serve on January 1, 2011.

Carli McClure thanked everyone for attending and meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

The meal for the meeting was sponsored by the LaSalle 4-H foundation and prepared by Carli McClure, Assistant 4-H Extension Agent and LaVone Boyd, LaSalle Parish Extension Office Administrative Coordinator.