

4-H Advisory Council Meeting

March 31, 2010

Members Invited:

Sheila Counsel

Leslie Harrell

Gwile Freeman

Tia Neal

Erica Cater

Oran Tubre

Jamie Tubre

Lisa Sikes

Jason Bullington

Elizabeth Bullington

Tina Goebel

Andrew Boothe

Jordan Davis

Ruth Ann Duncan

Sandy Floyd

Malcolm Terry

Tonya Smith

Kirk Huff

Amy Huff

Calvin Smith

Toni Spinks

Members in Attendance:

Erica Cater

Malcolm Terry

Tina Goebel

Paige Terry

The 4-H Advisory Council met on Wednesday, March 31st for a lunch meeting.

The committee discussed issues that were related to youth in Catahoula Parish, mentioning the following problems:

1. Lack of transportation to 4-H events
2. Lack of community resources
3. Lack of time (busy with sports and rodeos)
4. Lack of parental support
5. Lack of community support

Suggestions for working to improve these issues included more positive marketing of 4-H events through the local newspaper, a local internet paper, and the Catahoula Parish 4-H Facebook page. They also suggested advertising 4-H activities for those who were in high school/jr. leader clubs and making the identification of community resources and volunteers a priority.

The committee discussed the program focus for the 2010-2011 school year and decided that they would prefer to see a Science and Technology focus as math and science skills were desperately needed and the topic was exciting to youth. The committee mentioned partnering with the school system as part of the STEM grant provided through the Rapides Foundation.

The committee suggested that club program meetings should be advertised with meeting posters for the high school clubs and that all programs should be well-planned with engaging hands-on activities.