

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
June 28, 2007
Livingston Parish Courthouse – Livingston, LA**

Members present: Tinita Blount, Corissa Blount, Laura Blount, Reymond D'Armond, Bronwynn Cobb, Ricky Patterson, Richard Labranche Sr., Melissa Labranche, Makayla Labranche, Mckenna Labranche, Todd Tarifa, and 4-H Agent Christy Sorenson.

Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments.

Christy Sorenson welcomed each member present and gave an overview of the primary functions and responsibilities of the Advisory Council.

Christy Sorenson provided a brief summary of the Livingston Parish 4-H Program including the number of members, the most popular projects, description of Parish activities, and information on volunteer leader activities. An overview of the informational brochure was also given and discussed.

Todd Tarifa led the icebreaker activity "Thinking Outside the Box" to motivate members to look beyond the obvious and look deeper into their thought processes.

Bobby Bingham will be the new Livingston Parish 4-H Agent and will be arriving soon from Texas A & M. This was reported by Todd Tarifa.

Bronwynn Cobb read the minutes from the August 1, 2006 meeting.

Discussion Focus:

Question: If we never had a 4-H program how would you build it and what opportunities would you offer to prepare youth for tomorrow?

Council members then went into a brainstorming session to generate ideas for goal selection. Ideas were gathered and merged into six main topics.

Topics were as follows:

1. Collaboration as a parish
2. Character/Youth and volunteers (Good representatives of club character)
3. Diversity for youth / Encourage to be themselves
4. Push to go beyond / Challenge our youth
5. Younger sibling activities / 4-H introduction earlier than 4th grade
6. Enthusiastic leaders / Good leadership

Todd Tarifa led a multi-vote of the six topics and council members voted for the 3 topics they believed to be of greatest importance/concern. Todd tallied the votes and 3 topics were chosen to develop our 2007 goals. Members then chose 1 of the 3 topics to serve on a committee as a representative.

Conclusion:

The council then looked at the different modules, lesson plans, and the pretest for club meetings. We then voted on the module for meeting lessons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All members were thanked for their attendance and input in this meeting.