

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
July 15, 2008
Livingston Parish Courthouse—Livingston, LA**

Members present: Tinita Blount, Corissa Blount, Laura Blount, Bronwynn Cobb, Bobby Bingham, Christy Sorenson, Robert Wendt, Daniel Wendt, William Wendt, Martha Latimer, Sarah Scott, Ricky Patterson, and Santa Patterson.

Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Bobby Bingham. Council members were welcomed and thanked for attending the meeting.

Tinita Blount gave a brief recap of the three main focus areas of the committee: *1. Character (Youth & Volunteers) 2. Collaboration as a Parish 3. Diversity in Youth*

Christy Sorenson gave an overview of the primary functions and responsibilities of the Advisory Council. She discussed growth in membership from 1411 to approximately 1500 members. 40 clubs are currently being serviced around the parish. Health and Fitness was the focus for meetings in 2007-2008. Favorite projects throughout the grade levels were also discussed briefly.

Bobby Bingham discussed the decrease in participation at 4H Camp. Challenge Camp was held at Tickfaw State Park and those numbers were up to 21 from 4 participants. 4H University numbers were up to 39 from 27 and our parish received 23 blue ribbons which was a great percentage.

Bronwynn Cobb read minutes from the June 28, 2007 meeting.

Council members participated in an informal icebreaker activity to get acquainted with one another.

Discussion Focus:

Lesson Modules: Christy and Bobby led discussion about lesson modules that would be used at club meetings for 2008-2009. Possible subjects were reviewed by council members and it was decided that the following modules would be used for different grade levels:

Elementary: Leadership

Jr. High/High School: Workforce Preparation Phase II

Food Festival: Members worked together to see how participation could be increased in the food festival this year. It was decided that time of year would be changed to make the event more convenient for students and parents. It was decided that it would be held the Tuesday after the Thanksgiving holidays (pending approval.) Registration will begin at 5:45. The time was moved back to 6:00 to begin and more judges will be acquired to help judge the event.

Centennial Event: 4H Night at the Livingston Parish Fair is being planned in addition to a 4H Alumni Reunion that night to celebrate our 100th year. A committee was formed to help plan this event pending approval from the fair association. Family Night was when the Council was hoping to have the event.

Other Topics: Sept. 13th is the Tailgate Party at LSU. Game attendance is not required to participate.

August 15-16th is the PBR in Baton Rouge, LA. The parish and school with the most attendance will receive awards.

Mrs. Martha Latimer is selling raffle tickets for a \$10,000 drawing with proceeds to benefit State 4-H Foundation – 4-H Camp Fund. 1000 tickets will be sold.

Conclusion:

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All members were thanked for their attendance and input in this meeting.