

Advisory Leadership Council for 4-H Youth Development

Date: January 27th, 2025

Location: Franklin Parish Extension Office

Attendance:

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator, Hannah Craddock, who reminded all members to complete volunteer forms if not already done.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome

- Welcoming guests done by Hannah Craddock

2. Introductions of Members and Guests

- 4-H Agent and Parish Chair
 - Hannah Craddock (4-H Agent)
 - Carol Pinnell-Alison (Parish Chair)
- Members of the Advisory Leadership Council
 - Adam Faulk
 - Neal West
 - Christina Rushing
 - Anitria Lawrence
 - John Chisum
 - Rana Leon
 - Brandi Price

3. Icebreaker

- Led by Hannah Craddock, the council participated in introducing themselves with their name, affiliation with 4-H, and a fun fact about them.

4. Purpose of Meeting

- To speed educational changes, better decisions in programming, and provide a beneficial learning experience for the Youth in Franklin Parish.

5. Roles of Franklin Parish 4-H Youth Development ALC

- Members of the Council assess and assess the needs of the Parish and inform me on changes necessary to make the programming meets the needs of the Parish, that it is accessible, and that the program(s) are relevant and current.

6. Understanding 4-H Youth Development

- **Mission**
 - The 4-H mission is to help youth develop life skills, knowledge, and attitudes so they can become productive, contributing members of society.
- **Organization**

- Smith Lever Act 1914 Created cooperative extension service- branched into 3 things: USDA, LSU Land Grant System, County/ Parish governments (innovate, educate, and improve lives)
- **Funding**
 - State Appropriated Funding (22-23): 78.01% state, 12.06 Federal, 3.62 statutory dedications, and 6.31% self-generated
 - Extension Funding is 51.37% State funding, 23.97% in federal funds, 21.8% in local funds, and 2.87% in self-generated
- **Programming**
 - Ag-Literacy: Phenomena based learning opportunity for youth to become immersed in agriculture as they play the role of agriculture commodity producers. While encountering real life scenarios, students will create solutions that meet the growing demand placed on agriculture.

7. Identification of Issues Facing Youth Group Discussion

- Members were given three sticky notes to write down the needs and problems to address for the Parish Youth. The sticky notes were then grouped together based on similarity of ideas and voted on for the top 5 issues that need to be addressed.
 - The Top Five Issues voted on:
 - Life Prep (work readiness, trade schools. Career prep, and STEM activities)
 - Livestock Clinics (Where to start on Livestock)
 - Healthy Habits (childhood obesity, nutrition, where does food come from)
 - Field Days (more summer programming, more activities)
 - Personal Finance (money management/ financial literacy)

8. Next Steps

- Life Prep/ Life Skills will be a focus point of the upcoming program year. Members of the council recommended collaboration with *Lyfe Skills* in Winnsboro, LA. Possible lesson study programs that can be utilized- *The Tree of Life Skills* or *Adulting 1*.
- Livestock Clinics are of peak interest among the community. Members noticed Ouachita Parish hosting rabbit workshops and clinics and wish to see kids participate more in livestock projects, be it large or small.
- Healthy Habits/ Nutrition, another focal point of the program year. Members recommended teaching youth on healthier eating and exercise. A lesson on nutrition was also recommended.
- Personal Finance/ Understanding Money lessons for youth between 6-12th grade. There is already a Financial Literacy lesson study that was utilized this year for junior leaders. It was agreed that the lesson should be available to youth for 6-12th grade.

- Summer programming availability for the upcoming program year. Activities such as field day, safety day, and other available programs for the summer.

9. Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting date was discussed to be six months from the date of 01/27/25. Hard date yet to be determined but a notification will be sent out in advance prior to.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.