

Vermilion 4-H Advisory Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Troy Mouton called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., introduced herself and welcomed everyone. Members present were: Troy Mouton, Chairperson; Ricky LeBouef, Denise LeBlanc, Diane Broussard, Sedra Marceaux, Alex LeBlanc, Jamieson Dill, Leah Broussard, Austin Mouton, Jordan Rost, Lovelace Greene, Mary Beth Bourque, Richard Hebert, Lauren Mouton, Manique LeBlanc, Vickie Patout, Charles E. Dill, Jr., Gwen Broussard, Claudette Broussard, Laura Couvillon, Nancy Marceaux, Dana Luquette, Michaela Herpin, 4-H Agents, Shannan Waits and Hilton Waits; Parish Chairman, Andrew Granger; Regional 4-H Coordinator, Lanette Hebert; and 4-H Secretary, Tweety Trahan.

Denise LeBlanc led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lauren Mouton led the 4-H Pledge. Troy then asked that everyone introduce themselves to the group.

Andrew Granger gave opening remarks in which he stated the purpose and duties of the stakeholders to the 4-H program. He encouraged everyone to speak up and share their ideas, as well as, give comments on how to improve the 4-H program and suggestions on what agents can do to implement these changes. He then thanked everyone for coming and supporting 4-H in Vermilion Parish.

Hilton reviewed the LCES Advisory Leadership System roles and responsibilities. He asked new members to sign the form and return it to him or Tweety. He encouraged everyone to market 4-H in their community and to get our message out. He asked anyone with questions about their role and responsibility as a member of the council to contact him.

The minutes from the last meeting had been mailed to everyone and Troy asked the group if there were any corrections. With none presented, Charles Dill, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed and Diane Broussard seconded it. Motion passed.

Hilton reviewed the parish program participation for the past year. We saw an increase in membership of 100 new members and strong participation at Demonstration Day and other parish contests. The proposed parish calendar was discussed and it was decided to have Record Books turned in the Monday after Achievement Day. Books would be judged and results emailed to parents and organizational leaders. Point sheets will be due April 16th. Record books will be returned to members at their May club meetings.

Austin Mouton talked about last year's service learning focus, which was citizenship. The group chose that topic because it was a presidential election year. They did many activities in which they learned about the election process, how to actively participate in an election and encouraged voter participation with a "Get Out and Vote" campaign.

Chelsie Luquette, Service Learning Co-Chairperson talked about their recent planning retreat with Calcasieu, Jeff Davis and Iberia parishes. Their focus this year will be children with special needs

and titled "4-H Has A Heart". Members will outreach to special needs children in the parish and volunteer at Special Olympics.

Shannan outlined the club meeting programs for the 2009-2010 school year. The programs will focus on science, engineering and technology. Agents will not schedule club meetings in April because of LEAP testing.

Troy then encouraged everyone to write ideas for programming for the upcoming school year. Ideas were posted, discussed and voted on by the group. The three focus areas selected were: Wetlands/Coastal Restoration, Smart Financial Decisions and Litter Problems. Other ideas suggested were: internet piracy; special needs children; demographics; establish a recycling program; body image; morals and values; driving, drugs and alcohol; nutrition and health; part time jobs verses school work; SET; time management; internet safety and online predators; violence with teens; safe sitter program for 4-H'ers; and 4-H the Original Green.

A suggestion to implement the Wetlands Restoration idea was to organize a group of "Environmental Ambassadors" to attend public meetings and give their input. Another suggestion was to plant smooth cord grass.

Lanette recommended contacting Adrienne Vidrine for training she presents to teacher/counselors about financial management education.

Troy announced that Saturday, July 18th is the opening of the 4-H Museum in Mansura and encouraged everyone to attend. Those from Vermilion who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame are: Mrs. Nancy Marceaux, Mrs. Virgie Foreman, Mr. Charles E. Dill, Sr., and Mr. James Baudoin.

Troy commended the Junior Leader Club and 4-H agents on their service learning project work. She said that she is very proud of the group and that they have truly become a service organization.

Troy then asked for nominations from the floor for chairperson and secretary. Ricky LeBouef moved and Gwen Broussard seconded the motion that the present officers remain. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, Ricky LeBouef moved and Gwen Broussard seconded that the meeting adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Signed:_____

Sylvia Trahan

4-H Secretary, Vermilion Parish

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