

Advisory Leadership Council Meeting

Family & Consumer Sciences

March 15, 2007

The LSU/Southern University AgCenter Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Leadership Council Meeting was held at the East Carroll Parish Health Unit Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 12:00 noon. The program was facilitated by Carolyn E. Robinson, associate area agent for East/West Carroll and Morehouse parishes.

Sharon Wilder opened the program with prayer and the blessing of the food. Grace Siggers welcomed everyone and asked for introductions and agency representation.

After the purpose and the overview of the Advisory Leadership Council meeting were given by Carolyn E. Robinson, each member was asked to sign the letter of commitment to serve. The purpose and overview informed members that they are leaders in the community and the AgCenter would like for them to give their input in identifying the needs and issues of the people of the parish. Carolyn also gave tidbits of the history of 1862 and 1890 programs.

The letters were signed and everyone partook of lunch. While eating lunch everyone was given this statement to think about as to give input during the time for community discussion: *“Knowing what you do about the mission of the LSU/SU AgCenter Cooperative Extension Service, what are some of the issues facing residents of this parish that you feel the AgCenter can address through research-based educational programs”?*

Mary Ann Reed and Sharon Wilder each gave an update of the EFNEP and FFNEWS nutrition programs in which they work.

Mike Rome, parish chair and Carolyn E. Robinson, supervisor of both programs, informed the committee members of the nutrition educators' job well done and presented each EFNEP educator with a Years of Service award and Sharon Wilder with a Certificate of Accomplishment for becoming a certified nutrition educator.

The recommendations are:

Nutrition

- **Work with the school nutrition supervisor to provide nutritious lunch and healthy snacks in the East Carroll Parish schools**
- **Continue the nutrition education that is being provided (Nutrition education to parents and children)**
- **To provide early nutrition education to children**
- **To bring the body walk to the school systems in East Carroll Parish**
- **To get on the school board agenda to introduce body walk and take -10 programs in the schools**

Family & Consumer Sciences and Child Development

- Nutrition to parents
- Continued programs that are being implemented
- Early childhood development
- Communication skills for parent and child
- Nurturing and caring for children
- Helping young girls to cope with being a teen mom
- Teen pregnancy and prevention
- Self-concept and self-esteem building

Family Resource Management

- Continue budgeting class with clients and community action program
- Financial management in school – “The Value of a Dollar”
- How to match the money with the income
- How to improve credit and obtain a credit report
- How to use coupons

Housing

- First Time Homebuyers workshop
- How to correct credit to buy a home

Mike Rome reminded the members that we are here to serve the community and to call anytime they need us. He advised that some would be contacted to serve on the upcoming parish review.

Carolyn Robinson again thanked everyone for their presence and their input.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

With Regards,



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Attachment: List of Members and Staff

Members Present:

Sr. Karen Flaherty
Danielle Foster
Rosie Larry
Billy Coleman
Tommy Morant

Sharon Wilder
LaTina Keys
Alice Darden
Ruth Anderson
Veola Haley

Marie Wright
Calvin Smith
Valerie Siggers
Doris James

AgCenter Employees Present:

Mike Rome, Parish Chairman
Kris Mayers, 4-H
Carolyn Robinson, FCS/EFNEP/FFNEWS
Sharon Wilder, FFNEWS
Grace Anderson, EFNEP
Patricia Johnikin, EFNEP
Mary Ann Reed, EFNEP
Dorris Thompson, EFNEP
Lori McLain, Administrative Coordinator