

**LaSalle Parish Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Council  
Meeting  
October 22, 2008  
Extension Meeting Room**

The LaSalle Parish Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 in the Extension Meeting Room of the Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. Kim Evans, LaSalle Parish Extension Agent welcomed the members to the meeting.

Council members present were: Nelda Tarver, Rexie Tweedy, Kathryn Tyler, Polly Duncan, Kelly Thompson, Ron G. Carr, April Black, Tammy Fryar, Tammy Guinn, Alisha Duke, Janis Braud, and Pamela C. Barnes. Members that agreed to serve, but could not attend were: Melinda Edwards, Susan Martin, Audrey Maxwell, Chris Peters, Janice Wyatt, Murphy McMillin, Sylvia Norris, Jimmie Peters, and Marcia Cooksey.

Members were served lunch. Evans gave a brief summary of Family and Consumer Sciences Programs that were conducted in FY 2007. Evans discussed Parenting Education for various audiences. The Character Critters program is conducted for all LaSalle Parish Pre-Kindergarten students and Kindergarten students, as well as Head Start children. Evans explained the Parents Preparing for Success Program that is required of clients with the Office of Family Support that have a child under the age of one year. The Child Care Provider Training is conducted for anyone that cares for children that is a Registered Child Care Provider or works in a Class A Child Care Center. The Smart Bodies program was piloted at Fellowship and Nebo Elementary Schools last school year. Currently Goodpine Middle School and Olla Elementary School are participating in the program that emphasizes eating healthy and exercise. The Family and Nutrition Program provides information on nutrition to all ages.

The group was asked the following question “During the next year or two, what are the critical things in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences that need to be addressed for the families in our local communities to realize their greatest potential in the future?” Advisory members asked that current programs be continued to meet the needs of families in LaSalle Parish. Additional suggestions were to provide parenting education for high school students, provide programs for the adult caregiver, develop healthy habits for youth and adults, and encourage schools to participate in the Character Counts program. The group discusses other

agencies and organizations that might partner with the Extension Service on these issues. They also brainstormed about methods to reach the target audiences for the selected issues.

Evans thanked all those for attending and their willingness to work on issues together. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.