



**Concordia Parish Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes
October 24, 2006- 5:30 p.m.
Concordia Community Room – Ferriday**

The Concordia Parish 4-H Advisory Council held its fall meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at the Concordia Community Room in Ferriday. Twenty-two members were in attendance, along with four LSU AgCenter extension staff.

Vickie Jowers, (Adult Volunteer) Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p. m. Trey Book (4-H member) led the American Pledge and Kayleigh Jowers (4-H member) led the 4-H Pledge. Following the pledges, members were asked to introduce themselves and tell their association with the parish 4-H program. Next, Glen Daniels (Concordia Parish Chairman) blessed the meal provided for the group.

The first item on the agenda was an Overview of the Parish Program / Minutes of the Last Meeting. Chairman Vickie Jowers informed the members that this information was provided in their folders and if anyone had any questions, these would be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Next, Vickie Jowers discussed the Volunteers (Adult/Youth) Program including Camp Counselor Training Certification for serving as a camp counselor for any of the camps held that involve counselors. She also informed the group that a training will be held in May 2007 for youth to become certified. Adults were reminded that they must go through the Overnight Chaperone Training to be eligible to chaperone youth at 4-H Camp, 4-H University and any other overnight camp or event.

The Concordia Parish 4-H Update began with Delynn Vines (State 4-H Foundation Board Member) and Bridget Martin (Adult Volunteer) informing the members of the presentations to 4-H youth at the October School Board Meeting for outstanding achievements (19 youth recognized). Ms. Vines also told the group that the Jr. Leaders are doing a bulletin board each month in the school board meeting room to promote 4-H.

Next, Ms. Vines discussed the LSU AgCenter Calendar and Cookbook Fundraiser for the parish 4-H program. The fundraiser would provide 40% profit from the sales of each of these items.

4-H Agent, Joe P. Bairnsfather then informed the group of an additional fundraiser involving the sale of citrus which would include selling navel oranges and satsumas. Mr. Joe quoted the sale price and profit to be made on each item sold.

Gayla Crum (Volunteer Leader) discussed the new Shooting Sports Program that is being started in the parish and gave highlights of the recent training that was held in preparation for getting our 4-Hers involved.

Shevawn James, 4-H Agent gave a Parish 4-H Program Update including –2006-07 Parish Focus (Health) and 4-H Club Program lessons being taught at 4-H meetings each month to teach youth about food and fiber through hands on experiences. Ms. James also discussed the changes that are being made in preparing for 4-H camp this summer. These included an increase in cost to \$110 per camper and parishes having the opportunity to select which date they would like to attend 4-H camp. 4-H agents told the group that the parish would know when they are attending camp possibly by November 15th.

A small group activity was conducted by 4-H Agent, Joe P. Bairnsfather to allow those in attendance to give feedback on the current 4-H program as well as voice their opinion on other issues. The group was divided into four smaller groups including a combination of adults and youth. Each group was given the following three (3) questions to discuss and report their responses back to the overall group. Combined responses from each group follow individual questions.

1. The Concordia Parish 4-H Website is up and running and being updated regularly. Have you visited our parish 4-H website?
If so, was it user friendly? Did you find the information that you were looking for? What changes/suggestions would you recommend

for improvement? If you have not visited the website- what would be of interest to you?

- User friendly- Yes (2 groups)
- Find what you needed – Yes (2 groups)
- Make public aware of website
- Post the 4-H Officers for each club
- Pictures of all events
- List of contest winners
- Liked being able to view Volunteer/4-H member newsletter
- Put more things about Health/Nutrition (activities,games, puzzles,etc)
- 4-H Calendar of Events (Parish)
- 4-H Activities
- List server for reminder of deadlines

One of the recommendations at our last Advisory Council Meeting was to have a “4-H Fun Day”. What project, activity, or contest would you suggest having on this day?

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Dance	Musical Chairs
Relay	Scavenger Hunt
Bubble Gum (Largest Bubble)	Pig Race

Projects

4-Wheeler Demo
Knot/Rope Demo

Spirited 4-Her	Fun Jumps
Dunking Booth	Food Smart Games
Educational Games	

Chick-N- Que (Parent/Child Team)
Shooting Sports

Service Learning Projects are an important part of the Parish 4-H Program and teach/encourage youth to give back to their communities. What are some projects that you would suggest for parish clubs to involve their 4-H members?

Improving School Campus

Improving Community

- plant trees
- litter free
- post litter signs
- 4-H litter barrels
- Clean yards/flowerbeds at public places

Nursing Homes

- visit
- cards/baskets
- collect/take things to nursing home

Food Drives

Literacy- Parish Library
Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office – Child Search

Environmental

Nutrition/Healthy Lifestyles

Habit Forming Lifestyles

Following the discussion of the questions Debbie Bairnsfather, Regional 4-H Coordinator gave an update on the new Portfolio (Record Book) that will be used for Scholarships and State Records competition. She also told the group that 4-H members will be able to complete the book online.

The next meeting will be held in March/April of 2007.

Vickie Jowers was elected to serve as Chairman of the next meeting and Ashley Coco will serve as the secretary for the next meeting.

Next, door prizes were given to selected members in attendance.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Vickie Jowers adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.