

**IBERVILLE PARISH 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 23, 2007**

A meeting of the Iberville Parish 4-H advisory committee was called to order by Ms. Debra Cross, Iberville Parish Chairperson. After welcoming and thanking everyone for coming, she asked everyone to introduce themselves. Members present were: Mr. Duane Gremillion, Ms. Ivory Lee Williams, Ms. Kathleen Schmit, Ms. Cheryl Piper, Dr. Pamela Hodson, Ms. Brigette Diamond, Mr. Shannon Dietz, 4-H Agent, Ms. Kim Jones, 4-H Agent, Ms. Debra Cross, Iberville Parish Chairperson and Ms. Lorris Germany.

The minutes from the last meeting, January 22, 2007, were reviewed. There were no changes. Ms. Cheryl Piper made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Ivory Lee Williams second. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report. The foundation account has a balance of \$18,272.24. The Junior Leader account has a balance of \$708.59. Ms. Kathleen Schmit made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Duane Gremillion second. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business was then discussed. Literacy/workforce development is the educational focus for this year. Mr. Shannon Dietz and Ms. Kim Jones asked for ideas to implement this in the schools. Mr. Duane Gremillion suggested that the school leaders could work with the club and select a book and make a "skit" about the book and maybe have some of the other schools do similar events or come up with their own ideas on how to promote literacy in the schools.

National 4-H week is the first week of October. A suggestion was made that the schools decorate a specific area in the school entrance for a contest. At the last meeting we had a marketing committee; we need to get this committee together again to implement ideas for 4-H week. Some ideas were using the birthday theme since 4-H will be having one this year, or using literacy as the theme. A committee was formed for this. Members are: Ms. Ivory Lee Williams and Ms. Tashiba Franklin.

The Sweet Potato sale was very successful and we will try to set a deadline before the students get out of school for the holidays. We also discussed the idea of selling just the 40 pound boxes instead of breaking all the boxes into 10 and 20 pound bags. We will also try to have the citrus sale around the same time as the sweet potato sale.

Mr. Shannon Dietz asked for volunteers to go to the Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum. It will be held October 3-7, 2007 at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. This is a great opportunity for someone to get new ideas from other areas and bring back to Iberville Parish.

The Agents thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held January 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.