

WINN PARISH 4-H ADVISORY MINUTES – 2006

On January 12, 2006, the Winn Parish 4-H Advisory committee held their 2006 advisory meeting. The meeting began at 5:30 pm in the Winn Parish Extension office. Becky Kelley presided over the meeting and welcomed the group and thanked them for their willingness to give of their time and knowledge to assist in recommendations for programming for the Winn Parish 4-H program. Becky introduced Karen Martin, 4-H Regional coordinator and Julia McLain, 4-H agent in Grant Parish, who was the facilitator for the meeting. Others present were: Annie Booker, parent, Wyonita Booker, Winnfield Middle school student, Lindlay Howell, Winnfield Middle School 4-H member, Rhonda Howell, Winnfield Middle School 4-H Leader, Caroline Kelley, Winnfield Senior High 4-H member, Monica James, parent, Joseph Dulaney, 4-H member, Donald Dulaney, project leader-Outdoor Skills, Larry Kyle, forester, Laurie LaFollette, 4-H leader (recorded minutes), Caleb LaFollette, 4-H member. Becky stated that she and Donny were looking forward to working with each of them.

Becky then proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation, "4-H A Winning Game Plan." The presentation began with **I. Draft a Team** – people who make up the 4-H organization – LSU agents, support staff, 4-H youth, parents, volunteers, school personnel, other state agency personnel and business partners. **II. Call a Team Meeting** – purpose of advisory committee; **III. Develop Play Book** – Focus for Year – State 4-H Modules for Club Meetings and Winn Parish Focus for years 03-04 Health and Character Education; 04-05 – Ag Awareness and -05-06- Character Education. These program focuses are correlated to educational Benchmarks. **IV. Kick-off** – Recruitment gave numbers of school clubs, project clubs and enrollment for previous years. **V. Learning the Rules of the Game** – focused on trainings – volunteer, overnight chaperone, officer, camp counselor, service learning and character counts trainings. **VI. Play Ball**- monthly club meetings and Overtime Events/Activities listed other activities 4-H'ers participate in. **VII. Time-Out** – 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H U, Community Service, activities 4-H members were involved in. **VIII. Community Learning Projects**, Environment, the Elderly and Economic Development were other Time-Out events. **IX. Critique the Game Plan** – evaluation of 4-H club meetings with a pre/post test given with impact/outcome results. **X. Testimonials** – gave personal comments from 4-H members on how they were impacted by the club meetings and the changes they made in their health because of what they had learned from the meetings. **XI. The final slide** read "Season Continues Winn 4-H has a Winning Record."

Donny Moon then gave a report on the Forestry Environmental Camp "Camp Roughin' It." He stated that partners in this endeavor are the USDA and Wildlife and Fisheries. Parishes participating are: Bossier, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine and Winn. He stated there were 162 participants at the first camp. The next camp is scheduled for March 30 – April 1, 2006. He gave a report on the livestock program. He stated clinics were held before parish and state fairs. Twenty-five attended the Louisiana State Fair and six made the sale. The Livestock Club had a clinic the past weekend and 60 attended. The largest delegation is scheduled to attend the Southern Livestock Show – 41 goats, 23 pigs, 14 cows and 2 lambs. There is a leader in each livestock project.

Outdoor and Woodsman Skills are other 4-H activities 4-H youth participate in. Donny said outdoor skills activities are held monthly and the Winn Parish group have had great success with several winning in state competition and competing at Nationals. Larry Kile attended Nationals with his son Zeb. The Outdoor Skills group are sponsoring a fund raiser, a turkey shoot, and splitting the proceeds with the American Cancer Society. He stated that Caroline Kelley and Lindlay Howell are the junior and senior American Cancer Society representatives. Scholastic Shooting, that Joseph Dulaney is involved in, requires them to participate in community service projects if they plan on trying to qualify for the Jr. Olympics.

Becky then stated that the purpose of those in attendance was to help the Winn 4-H agents know from their perspective the needs of the youth of the parish. She then asked Julia McLain to lead the group in identifying the needs and determine how the things that are in place to improve, how we can add to them, and better meet the needs of our 4-H program.

Julia stated that in recent years parishes have invited other agents to act as facilitators so she would be the facilitator for this meeting. She encouraged the group to write down thoughts and ideas down. Write each idea on a separate sheet of paper, what you think would help to make the program better. She stated that Becky and Donny were open to suggestions. Julia showed the group some Lesson Modules with lessons already prepared and additional lessons can be prepared to incorporate ideas suggested. The following ideas were suggested: Workforce Preparation: Etiquette, babysitting, fashion, computer skills, resume workshop, money management and public speaking; Photography: scarp booking; Record book workshop; Firearm safety; Improve livestock safety – make facilities handicap accessible; Fishing Derby with sheltered workshop; Service Learning – Council on Aging; Leather or woodworking workshop; crafts. After these ideas were presented and much discussion, the council determined focus areas could be on leadership or workforce preparation. Both areas would teach skills needed by the youth in the parish.

Mrs. Martin told those present that she thought Winn Parish had two of the best 4-H agents in the state and they worked well together and that Winn was very fortunate.

Becky thanked the group for their time and efforts in helping and reminded them to take the complementary cups and goodies with them. She told them they would receive a copy of the minutes as a record for future participation. Council is set up on a rotating basis so we can continue to have veterans and new people serving and having input into the 4-H programming. We also don't want to burn out anyone by having rotations of 3, 2 and 1 year rotations. Becky stated that she was looking forward to working with them as they strive to meet the needs of adults and children in the parish.

The meeting was adjourned by Becky Kelley at 6:50 pm.

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