

## **2006-2007 East Carroll Parish 4-H Youth Development Advisory Leadership Council Meeting Minutes**

The 4-H Youth Development Advisory Leadership Council Meeting for the program year 2006-2007 was held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at First Baptist Church. The meeting started at 11:50 a.m. with Kris Mayers welcoming everyone and Sister Marian Perpetua saying an opening prayer. Sister Bernie Barrett was the acting moderator for the meeting.

The committee and 4-H staff members present were: Sister Marian Perpetua, Sister Bernie Barrett, Umiki Hawkins, Tierra Lane, Tabitha Reed, Cietra Stroughter, Harriet Bridges, Grace Siggers, Patricia Johnkin, Mary Ann Reed, Debbie Bairnsfather, Kris Mayers, Sherry Smith, Rosie Brown and Glenn Dixon.

Moderator Sr. Bernie refreshed our memories of what was talked about at our last advisory meeting and then discussed what has been accomplished since then – the life skills Skillathon.

Sr. Bernie then asked the question, “What do we do next?” The discussion went as follows:

The 2006-2007 programming year should focus on personal development which would cover several areas of interest:

1. Table manners/etiquette – these things were suggested at our last meeting and have been brought up throughout the year. Mrs. Mayers has been in contact with someone to conduct training on this topic. Perhaps it could be held as an after school activity or during regular club meetings. Debbie Bairnsfather suggested a workshop for three different age groups with a personal development contest at the end. Information about job interviews could be incorporated into this topic. Non 4-H'ers could even be involved in the training.
2. Setting goals – children need to be introduced to the aspect of setting goals. For example, if they are started at a young age, by the time they reach college they will have their minds set to make the grades required to get the degree they are seeking.
3. Baby sitting club – set up training to teach teenagers how to care for young children. The training could cover things like first aid/CPR, music, art, what to charge for babysitting, etc. This would also teach character development and prepare them for parenthood.
4. Wellness program – youth will initiate a walking/exercise program and introduce it to nursing home residents and hospital patients. Mr. Dixon suggested a program that would cover teen

pregnancy. He knows a group that conducts trainings where a doctor, a lawyer, someone in the sports field and a minister are brought in to discuss how a young man's life would change if he got a young lady pregnant. The age group to target for this training would be 11-14 (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders). Perhaps the Health Unit would be willing to conduct a workshop for the girls in this age group at another time.

Mrs. Mayers suggested discussing one of these topics at club meetings and the following month holding an activity to re-enforce what was covered at the meeting.

More parental involvement is needed, especially from the fathers or other males in the community. Volunteers are needed to help Mrs. Mayers organize and prepare for upcoming activities.

Mrs. Mayers said she has a real concern for boys of junior high age and wants to focus on keeping them actively involved in 4-H.

Mrs. Bairnsfather suggested that there may be a church in the area with a member or someone in the Sheriff's department or other organization who would like to participate in promoting all the things that 4-H does. Mrs. Mayers should contact all churches in the area and ask them to make announcements periodically about what 4-H has going on.

Mrs. Bairnsfather gave an overview of the four essential elements of the 4-H Youth Development Program which are mastery, generosity, belonging and independence. The 4-H program focuses on developing youth to become productive by re-enforcing these elements.

Mrs. Bridges suggested that Mrs. Mayers ask the Banner Democrat for a section in the newspaper to be dedicated to 4-H.

Mrs. Mayers thanked everyone for coming and providing their ideas. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. for everyone to enjoy a light lunch of hot wings, sandwiches, chips, salad and punch.

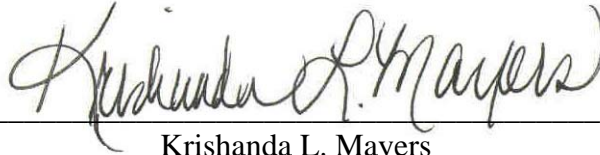
Note cards were left on the tables for the members to write down the topics they would volunteer to help with. Note cards read as follows:

Harriet Bridges volunteered to help with training on babysitting if Carolyn Robinson with Southern University Ag Center is not available to do so. Also volunteering to help with babysitting were Cietra Stroughter, Tabitha Reed, Umiki Hawkins and Tierra Lane.

Mary Reed, Grace Siggers and Patricia Johnikin volunteered to help with training on table manners/etiquette and the wellness program.

Sr. Bernie volunteered to help with training on the wellness program. Rosie Brown also volunteered to help with the wellness program and anything else Mrs. Mayers needs help

with. And Glenn Dixon volunteered to help with the wellness program focusing on teen pregnancy and the male's responsibilities.



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2006-2007**

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