

2006 East Carroll Parish 4-H and Youth Development Advisory Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

The 2006 4-H and Youth Development Advisory Leadership Council Meeting for the program year 2006-2007 was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at the Byerley House Visitor's Center. The meeting started at 12 p.m. with Kris Mayers welcoming everyone and Lillie Jefferson saying an opening prayer. Kofi Hawkins was the acting moderator for the meeting.

The committee members present were: Wanda Roberson, Dorothy Wilson, Harriet Bridges, Lillie Jefferson, Sheila Bell, Mar'shanna Dukes, Ebony Hampton, Pellar Hall, J'Andrea Davis, Andriana Ward, Glenda Dorsey, Sister Bernie Barrett, Mary Reed, Dorris Thompson, Kofi Hawkins, Tabitha Reed, Mike Rome, Debbie Bairnsfather, Tanisha Conn, Glenn Dixon, Rosie Brown and Carolyn Robinson.

Mrs. Mayers showed a short Power Point presentation on the role of advisory leadership councils in the Extension programming process.

Moderator Kofi Hawkins discussed the 2005-2006 Club programming which focused on Health and Fitness, and some of the events that took place during the year.

Members were asked to get their refreshments and return to their table for open discussion which went as follows:

This year's Club programming was taken from a suggestion that was given at last year's advisory meeting. That's the purpose of today's meeting – to get your suggestions, opinions and concerns to improve our programming efforts. The index cards on the tables are to be used to write things that you think we need to address. Please choose the three you think are the most important and we will vote at the end of the meeting to determine which ones we will concentrate on this coming year.

Everything that 4-H presents is research-based. There is a lesson plan behind everything that we do.

Some of the items being discussed are: respect for self and for others; conduct; Achievement Day; grooming and etiquette techniques for boys and girls; fund raisers to help 4-H members pay less for camps, etc.; peer pressure; sexual activity prevention program; community involvement; community recreation; parental involvement; marketable skills – landscaping such as lawn mower maintenance and how to mow, how to use hedge trimmers and leaf blowers, etc. and auto maintenance such as changing oil, checking fluid levels, checking tire pressure, etc.; providing more activities to boost enrollment as well as to give the children something to do; and growing up and the changes and associated responsibilities of growing up.

At this point several committee members had to leave and return to school. The remaining members discussed the following:

Two sets of issues chosen as most important:

1. Sexual activity prevention program
2. Grooming and etiquette techniques for boys and girls
3. Marketable skills
4. Fund raisers to help 4-H'ers pay less for camps, etc.

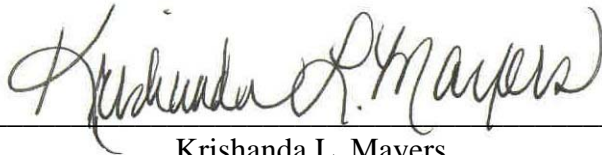
1. Proper etiquette
2. Being respectful and personal appearance
3. Providing more activities to boost enrollment as well as to give the children something to do.

Ways that the community can help and become involved is by finding reference materials and helping to set up and/or teach the training sessions. Some men in the community who are proficient auto mechanics or landscapers could volunteer their time to teach basic automotive or lawn mower maintenance.

Everyone present has agreed that we will meet again later this year to further discuss these issues and implement the chosen issues into the Club programming.

Parish Chairman Mike Rome expressed thanks to those who helped to pass our tax. He stated that we hope everyone can see their tax money at work in a positive way and that they will support us again when the tax comes up for renewal.

Mrs. Mayers thanked everyone for coming and for providing their ideas. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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