

## ASCENSION PARISH 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2009

Dinner was served before the meeting began. There were 18 volunteers in attendance:

- Shawn Fox
- Janet Kennison
- Jacie Kennison
- Brittany Babineaux
- Katina Hester
- Joan Basso
- Patricia Granier
- Ashley Reddicks
- Gwen Price
- Katherine Beier
- Jevella Bell
- Janet Fox
- Steve Gray
- Troy Blank
- Whitney Bell
- Arielle Sutton
- Bryan Broussard
- Shannon Arceneaux

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Jamie Templet presented the general rules and order of the meeting. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves by participating in a fun activity. Each person was given a miniature bag of M & Ms and asked to take one M & M out of their package. Depending on the color they had, they shared information about themselves such as their favorite place in the world, favorite 4-H memory, greatest fear, etc.

Once their introductions were finished, Jamie explained how 4-H started and what 4-H is all about. She also explained the purpose of the 4-H Advisory Committee.

A brief overview of Ascension 4-H and the LSU AgCenter was presented. There are five 4-H project clubs within Ascension 4-H: Fashion, Junior Leaders, Livestock, Outdoor Skills/Shooting Sports, and SET. Jamie gave an explanation of each club and informed the volunteers of the activities these groups are involved with. She also discussed the increase in 4-H enrollment.

Role descriptions for committee members were explained and the members were asked to serve a two year term. The committee will meet twice a year. All of the members present agreed to be on the committee.

The members were asked to brain-storm issues or needs of the youth in Ascension Parish that they felt should be addressed through 4-H programs. There were eight tables and each table was a group. The groups had several minutes to discuss their ideas. Once that had finished the group discussions their ideas were shared with everyone. The list they presented is as follows:

- Life Skills Education
- Crowd Following
- Positive Attitude/Involvement
- Self-Esteem
- Financial Literacy
- Career Exploration
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse
- Bullying
- Environmental Impact
- Impersonal Skills (i.e. peer interaction, anxiety)
- Obesity Rate – Nutrition/Exercise
- Character Development
- After School Programs
- Teen Pregnancy
- Teen Smoking

Each topic was discussed in detail and then members were asked to take colored dots they were provided and place one dot by the topic they felt most strongly needed to be addressed. The most popular topics are listed below in order of importance to the members.

- Life Skills/Commitment, Responsibility, Etiquette
- Obesity – Nutrition and Exercise
- Self-Esteem and Smoking
- Environmental Impact

A subcommittee was formed to help implement the items above. The subcommittee volunteers are as listed:

- Shawn Fox
- Ashley Reddicks
- Katina Hester
- Bryan Broussard
- Arielle Sutton
- Jacie Kennison
- Janet Kennison
- Whitney Bell
- Brittany Babineaux
- Jevella Bell

The next 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting is tentative for late October or early November. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Templet, Recorder