

St. Helena 4-H Educational Foundation

Minutes

October 29, 2008



The St. Helena 4-H Educational Foundation met on Wednesday, October 29, 2008. Those present were: Wesley Blades, Beth Karl, Cassie Karl, Stefen Givens, and Sonni King. The president called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Wesley gave a treasurer's report. Sonni stated the State Office's annual audit had been performed and St. Helena once again had a good report. Wesley and his office were commended by all those present on the excellent job they do keeping up with the 4-H accounts.

Discussion followed on ways to keep up with the income and expenses for individual activities such as 4-H Camp, Livestock Shows, Challenge Camp, Horse Shows, etc. It was decided that Sonni would keep a record of the income and expenses for each individual 4-H activity. Wesley stated the 4-H office could not be responsible for the 4-H Educational Foundation Funds, but felt it was a good idea for somebody in the office to keep track of the spending for the individual 4-H activities. This would allow the 4-H agents in the office to have a better idea of which activities need fund raisers to support them and when these fund raisers need to be conducted.

Wesley also stated he believes the office should pursue applying for a few grants awarded by companies such as Entergy, Exxon, Dow, Vo-Tech School, etc. Beth stated some of the larger businesses in the area such as Smitty's could be approached to either donate toward the 4-H program or a 4-H scholarship. Discussion also followed on the subject of approaching some of the casinos in the parish for monetary donations.

The Citrus and Sweet Potato sales were discussed. Due to the amount of money left for spending in the account all members were urged to sell as much fruit as possible.

Stefen stated we once again have 100% enrollment from our school system. Sonni talked some about the situation with the 4-H clubs at Oak Forest. Stefen told the group there was a meeting planned with Dr. Hodson and Tangipahoa staff members within the next week to try and resolve the conflict. Wesley stated he could talk to Jason Brabham, the principal, to get a better idea of how the school felt, if necessary.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The committee plans to meet around the second week of January, 2009.

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