

Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Council Meeting
Concordia Extension Office
Thursday, March 20, 2008
10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Ms. Terri Crawford opened the meeting of the Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Council. Agendas were provided along with the Roles and Responsibilities of Members Serving on Extension Program Councils (ALC).

Those present for the meeting were Ms. Liz Brooking, Ms. Lynda Cantu, Ms Dorothy McDonald, Ms. Nancy Anders, Ms. Terri Crawford, Ms. Kim Evans, Ms. Melissa Cater, Ms. Betty Harris and Ms. Ashley Powell.

Ms. Crawford introduced Ms. Ashley Powell as the new Concordia Parish Family and Consumer Science Agent.

Ms. Crawford also provided those present with the purpose of the meeting, which was *to help determine the needs/issues facing the people of Concordia Parish.*

Ms. Liz Brookings volunteered to chair the Advisory Council. Ms. Lynda Cantu was asked to serve in the position of secretary which she duly accepted.

Council members were asked to provide input on the needs of the citizens of Concordia Parish. A listing is as follows:

Obesity - Adults/Children
Drug Management and Cost for Elderly Citizens
Single Parents/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Lack of Support, Care and Assistance to Elderly
Lack of Support for Families of Young Children
Transportation
Teenage Drinking/Drugs
After School Programs for Children
Lack of Motivation to Take Advantage of Training Opportunities
Lack of Parent Participation
Equipping Families/Individuals

Council members were asked to prioritize the list. The following were ranked as the top three issues facing the citizens of the parish:

1. Lack of Support, Care and Assistance to Elderly
2. Lack of Motivation to Take Advantage of Training Opportunities
3. Drug Management and Cost for Elderly Citizens

The council set the next meeting for March 2009. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.