



Franklin Parish 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 13, 2008 Meeting

The Franklin Parish 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Franklin Parish Extension Office on May 13, 2008. The individuals in attendance included: Joe Bondurant, Hudson Smith, Annette Harper, and Laura Bradley (4-H Agent).

As the Advisory Committee members arrived they signed in on the sign in sheet, visited among themselves, and enjoyed lunch. 4-H agent, Laura Bradley called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending as well as being a part of the Franklin Parish 4-H Program.

The purpose of the meeting was then explained to the group by Laura Bradley. Laura explained that the purpose of the meeting was to establish an educational program and service learning initiative for the 2008-09 school year as well as receive input from the committee. Laura then requested that members who had not previously signed the Membership Agreements do so at this time. Those in attendance all signed member agreements.

Laura then presented an update of the Franklin Parish 4-H program from January-April. The committee members were given a typed summary review of all 4-H activities from this year. The review included a brief summary of each activity which listed the number of participants and highlights from the activity.

Those in attendance were given a survey of educational programs and service learning initiatives and asked to rank them with one being their highest rank. All individuals present ranked Leadership number one and feel that it would be the most beneficial to our parish during the 2008-09 school year. The Service Learning Initiatives the committee thought were most important are elderly, literacy/education, health issues, community safety, & homelessness.

Joe Bondurant discussed a need for career education in the schools. He recommended that the program be implemented through a lecture series during enrichment activities at schools and that 4-H be a sponsor to the activity. He recommended having a lawyer, veterinarian, doctor, nurse practitioner, certified public accountant, mechanical engineer, and banker talk to the students about each of their careers, what classes to take and what to expect in college.

Joe Bondurant also discussed a need for financial knowledge in the schools. Agent Laura Bradley discussed the Welcome to the Real World Program implemented by Ginger Boutwell.

Following open discussion, the group completed the meeting evaluation, and the meeting was adjourned by 4-H agent, Laura Bradley at 12:45 pm.

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