



Minutes Franklin Parish
Overall Advisory Leadership Council Meeting
December 7, 2006

The Council met in the Extension Auditorium in the Franklin Parish Courthouse at 4 p.m. Members present were Christy Allen, Emily Arnold, Inez Chandler, Laura Ford, Craig Gill, Kay LaFrance, Joe Walters and Leslie Young. Members unable to attend were Keith Bringol, Chad Nelson, Patricia Simons and Rusty Wiggers.

County Agent and Parish Chair Carol Pinnell-Alison opened the meeting with a welcome and asked the members to introduce themselves. Ms. Pinnell-Alison introduced Kori Myers the new 4-H Youth Development Agent. Ms. Pinnell-Alison proceeded by giving an overview of the staff located in the Franklin Parish Extension Service office. She explained the role and mission of the Extension Service and its association with the land grant system.

Ms. Pinnell-Alison explained the sources of funding for the office including the process of obtaining additional salary support through cooperative agreements with the police jury and school board. She shared with the council that the LSU AgCenter has a 2.5 million dollar direct economic impact in the parish through salaries and wages associated with the Extension Office, Sweet Potato Research Station, Macon Ridge Research Station and the Scott Research/Extension Center.

Ms. Pinnell-Alison, Ginger Boutwell and Kori Myers gave a brief overview of their educational program areas.

Ms. Pinnell-Alison reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of a council member and explained that terms would be for one, two or three years initially but evolving to a three year staggered rotation. This first meeting would serve as an orientation. The council decided to schedule the next meeting for January 22, 2007 in the Extension Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. The council will discuss issues and programming needs at the meeting on January 22.

Ms. Pinnell-Alison opened the floor for discussion. Leslie Young suggested that the Extension staff consider collaborating with the school board in their after-school education grant. Kay LaFrance updated the council on an economic development project being considered fashioned after an effort in Colquitt, Georgia called "Swamp Gravy". The local theatre group performs by telling stories about the history of the community.

There was no other discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

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