

Bienville Parish 4-H Advisory Leadership Council
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2006

The Bienville Parish 4-H Advisory Leadership Council (ALC) held its Summer 2006 meeting at the LSU AgCenter-Bienville Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., July 24, 2006. The purpose of the meeting was to identify any problems/needs; legitimize programs; insure programs are effective, accessible and current; communicate facts; activate resources to strengthen programs and create change; and elect a chairman and secretary. Those attending included the following: Bienville Parish School Board Superintendent William Britt, Bienville Parish 4-H/ANR Agent Lauribeth Coker, State Representative Jim Fannin, 4-H Volunteer Leader at Saline High School and 4-H Livestock Project Leader Paula Faulkinberry, Bienville Parish 4-H'er Josh Johnson, Bienville Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Project Coordinator Rhonda Johnson, local Pastor and Community Leader Rev. Edward Lewis, Sr., 4-H'er Iesha Lewis, Bienville Parish School Board Member (District 4) Clarence 'Bud' Mason, LSU AgCenter North Central Region Coordinator for 4-H Karen Martin, North Central Region Director Dr. Allen Nipper, Bienville Parish 4-H Clothing/Sewing Project Leader Carla Pepper, 4-H'er Danaleray Pepper, 4-H'er Olivia Pepper, Bienville Parish School Board 21st Century Grant Coordinator Peggy Taylor, Bienville Parish 4-H Agent Diane Uzzle, Bienville Parish Police Jury Secretary Rodney L. Warren, County Agent and Bienville/Jackson Parish Chair Eddie White, and Ringgold Homemaker Sue Williams. Other members unable to attend included Bienville Parish Sheriff John Ballance, Bienville Parish School Board Directors Cathey Crain and Danny Gour, 4-H'er Jackie Harper, 4-H Volunteer Leader at Castor High School Brenda McCoy, former 4-H'ers Reba and Willie McCoy, Bienville Parish Police Juror Tommy Thompson and Ringgold Resident Clemmie Townsy.

Diane Uzzle welcomed everyone and Eddie White introduced our North Central Region's 4-H Coordinator and the new Bienville Parish 4-H Agent before other individuals introduced themselves. Mrs. Uzzle then shared the mission, vision and goals for Bienville Parish 4-H and discussed changes for "Strengthening Extension Advisory Leadership System."

Following this, elections were held for a Chairman and Secretary for the new fiscal year. As a result, Rodney Warren was elected Chairman of the Board and Olivia Pepper was elected Secretary. Then Mrs. Uzzle presented the Parish and State Overview.

After Karen Martin discussed the 8 Essential Elements for Youth Development, we reviewed the 2005-06 Leadership Program and results. Mrs. Uzzle explained there was a

6% increase in learning this past year in the pre- and post-tests on leadership. The group then discussed health and fitness, workforce preparation, and financial management choices as focuses we could use for the upcoming year. These were the top three choices from a survey distributed to adult and junior leaders. After the discussion and vote, it was ascertained that Health and Fitness would be our focus for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Bienville Parish School Board and 21st Century After-School Education Program will partner with the LSU AgCenter on program development. Another possible collaboration partner might be the Wellness Center in Arcadia. Mrs. Uzzle shared the Logic Model on Program Development and asked the group for realistic outcomes. Suggestions were made to include parish school health nurses to work with to incorporate a health fair and to help youth set individual goals addressing ideal weight, blood pressure, and target heart rate. The effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on one's health need to be included. Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness could be incorporated in the program. A parish-wide Health Fun Day was suggested by a youth to involve high school athletes and physical education teachers in teaching and leading exercises and to include "Healthy Snacks" as part of the program. "Healthy Snacks" should also be included in all project clubs this year. Outcomes will be measured through pre- and post-tests for the knowledge gained and individual goals possibly monitored by the nurses could be the measurement tool for changed behaviors.

A discussion was held concerning incorporating the Sparta Aquifer initiative into the focus area. Efforts should be made as much as possible to draw attention to the Sparta Aquifer including the use of the Sparta Aquifer educational trailer when possible.

The Service Learning Project for the year was discussed with the decision to continue discussion and vote with the Parish 4-H Junior Leader Club. Thereafter, enrollment dues were discussed and a decision was made to secure funding for any youth identified by the leader who needed help with dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Olivia Pepper, ALC Secretary
Diane Uzzle, Associate Extension Agent (4-H)
Rodney Warren, ALC Chairman