

4-H Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2009

- Introduction by Molly Usrey
 - Briefly went over Molly and Mindy's big goal for the DeSoto Parish 4-H Program. Showed the advisory Council a bubble chart that the agents are using to find volunteers for each project.
- Overview of last year
 - New clubs created...
 - Shooting sports, photography, clover buds, and horse club
 - New Activities
 - Dance, BB Gun Shoot, more cooking contest, talent contest, Ms. DeSoto 4-H Ambassador contest, old school carnival at the Parish Fair, Chicken show and rabbit show at the Parish Fair, Parish Wide Christmas Party and Cookie Contest, Parish Horse Show, Spring Fun Day, and Parish Campout.
- Parish Issues Discussed by Committee Members
 - TEEN INVOLVEMENT
 - Expressed a need in more active and excited school leaders in high school clubs]
 - More Teen specific activities
 - Low Science scores on the Spring Testing throughout the Parish
 - High Teen Pregnancy rate in some areas of the Parish
- Next year's Focus---Environmental Education
 - Tie in a recycling service learning project
 - Possibly start 2 other specialty clubs – pet projects and art projects
 - Field trips for Jr. Leaders to Research Stations
 - Build a more active volunteer group
- Fundraisers
 - Car decals and magnets that say DeSoto 4-H
- Scholarships
 - Adopted the State Rubric for judging Scholarships
- Clean up the Arena
 - Police Jury is funding the cleanup
 - Will have a work day and burgers
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Members that Contributed

Carolyn Rister*
Charlie Pate*
Willy Henderson *
Jameka Howard
Lori Strange
Tommy Clark

Robbie Register*
Mark Ross*
Girlye Howard
Leah Brown
Chuck Griffin
Tom Usrey

*These members Called in with conflict in dates but Agents went through the Agenda with them and Discussed their ideas and added those ideas to discussion throughout the meeting.