

**Meeting Minutes**  
**St. Martin Parish 4-H Advisory Leadership Council**  
**December 6, 2007**

Present:

Len Eisenstein → Shooting Sports & Livestock Volunteer  
Liz Angelle → 4-H Parent  
Dina Theriot → 4-H Parent & St. Martin Parish Juvenile Officer  
Hannah Thibodeaux → 4-H Member & 4-H ALC Secretary  
Linda Nguyen → 4-H Member & 4-H ALC Co-Chairperson  
Donna Guidry → 4-H Member  
Jackie Simon → 4-H Club Leader & 4-H Parent  
Rebecca Clark → 4-H Club Leader & School Teacher  
Richard Lavergne → St. Martin Parish School Superintendent  
James Blanchard → St. Martin Parish School Board President  
Etta Brew → Retired Extension Agent  
Annette D. Baudoin → School Principal & 4-H Parent  
Hope Guidry → 4-H Agent  
Margaret Frey → 4-H Agent  
Alfred Guidry → County Agent & Parish Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. with a welcome from 4-H ALC co-chairperson, Linda Nguyen. Each member introduced themselves to the rest of the group.

Hannah Thibodeaux, 4-H ALC secretary, read the minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. After hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Linda Nguyen asked if there was any old business. Hope Guidry went over the current enrollment numbers. She explained that this year we have gained three new clubs and lost one club. The current enrollment as of today is 881 members.

Next, Hope Guidry reviewed the council's decision to change the way club awards were awarded. She explained that there will be two different awards: the 2007-2008 Outstanding Club Awards (based on pre-Achievement Day participation & activities) & the 2008 Achievement Day Club Awards (based on their "average points per member score" at Achievement Day). Each member received the various scorecards that the leaders received. It was explained that the 4-H Leaders needed to return the Outstanding club Award scorecard before the March 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Hope Guidry also reminded the council members that it was decided at the last meeting that the parish's centennial celebration would be a "St. Martin Parish 4-H Family Fun Day" which would be held at Breaux Bridge High School on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

Linda Nguyen asked if there was any new business. Hope Guidry went over the handout of the parish's plan for the year-round centennial promotion and asked for other events and/or fundraising ideas. She also asked for other ideas for the Family Fun Day event. The following ideas were discussed: having the event from 10:00am to 2:00 pm, sack races, 20-25 carnival games with prizes, face painting, concessions, fingerprinting by the Sheriff's Office, having Acadiana Ambulance on stand-by, birthday cakes baked in school cafeteria, dunking booth, musical chairs, drunk driving simulation from the State Police, high school bands in parish, 50/50 ticket raffle (chicken pool game), collage of past pictures, plaques for Hall of Fame nominees, no coin shakes.

In other new business, council members gave ideas about Achievement Day contests. Council members went through each division's contests and made changes & corrections. 4-H Leaders and

members will be informed of the new contests at their February meetings. Council members gave the following suggestions for Achievement Day: label the school better so that members can find their contest room, inform leaders to secure buses early for Achievement Day, contact Mr. Sammy Wininger & Mr. Herbert Thibodeaux to discuss busing for Achievement Day, secure more tables for exhibits, encourage leaders to get club members to eat in the cafeteria so that the afternoon sessions begin on time.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 5:15pm. Mr. Len Eisenstein made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Alfred Guidry seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.