

Meeting Minutes
St. Martin Parish 4-H Advisory Leadership Council
April 24, 2008

Members Present:

Hope Guidry
Jackie Simon
Liz Angelle
Margaret Frey

Annette D. Baudoin
Hannah Thibodeaux
Etta H. Brew
Clair A. Blanchard

The Advisory Leadership Council last met on April 24, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by Hannah Thibodeaux.

Each member introduced themselves. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Hannah Thibodeaux. The following were added to the minutes: discussion took place about having a “chicken pool” game and having an area set aside for special guests attending our Centennial Celebration. Jackie Simon made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Annette Baudoin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Next, members learned that 713 of 888 (80%) 4-H members turned in completed record books. In an earlier meeting, members had recommended that members who turn in their books late would not be eligible for Outstanding Record Book Awards. However, since this change was not well publicized, all books were considered for these awards this year. This change will take place for the 2008-2009 school year and will be better publicized.

Members discussed the new way that the points were calculated for the Achievement Day Awards. It was thought that, in the future, the total points should be divided by the number of eligible members rather than the number of members in the club. Agents reviewed the scores using this method to determine if the outcome would be fairer to clubs. Agents reported that the outcome would have been different in most cases, but it seemed as though it was a fairer method. Members will continue discussions about this at the next meeting. Members also offered the following Achievement Day suggestions: take award pictures in the girls’ gym rather than in the hallway; subdivide the recyclable art exhibit category for all age groups; set up the tables in the demonstration rooms.

Members then worked on reviewing and finalizing the plans for the parish’s 4-H Honor’s Night and Centennial Celebration which will be held on May 13, 2008. Because of the time restraints, members agreed that all activities would take place in the gym. Members decided to have a 50/50 raffle benefitting the 4-H program. Clair Blanchard made the arrangements for the cakes and the sandwiches. She also received a generous donation from Kentwood Water Company. It was decided that the junior leaders would help distribute the goody bags and certificates to the Outstanding Club Members. Separate programs would be created for Honor’s Night & the Centennial Celebration due to the different sponsors.

The next meeting was not scheduled, but will take place probably in July. Dr. Jackie Simon made a motion to adjourn. Clair Blanchard seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Hannah Thibodeaux at 7:40pm.