

**MINUTES OF  
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CORE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

Present: Ed Adams, Lisa DeWall, Pat BoyEs, Louise Parker, Nancy Beyerlin, Stephanie Hiner, Aaron Esser, Craig Fenske, Chula Bradshaw, Chris Jackson, Drew Betz, Linda Williams

▪ **Management Structure Implementation**

- Logic Model template – Louise feels launching the template to committees at this point may be a bit premature. She is struggling with to what extent to implementation and is this what committee's need in terms of training. It is felt that the Core Committee needs to determine what committees need to be trained in – then present the Logic Model.
- 4-H Forum training for committees? – Drew asked if Core Committee members should attend 4-H Forum. Pat feels this is a good opportunity for the committee to meet face-to-face. Louise, Pat, Lisa and Nancy will work collaboratively with PDAT regarding their training methods as this committee works on a regular basis utilizing the Logic Model. The team will work through e-mail. During Forum (October 15, 16 & 17), the Core Committee will take the lead on training all committees regarding structure.

▪ **Core Committee communications**

- Bulletin board – Craig has entered a number of items on the bulletin board. He encouraged others to explore this component of communication. This should be a very useful tool.
- Website presence – Joy Faerber is working on this. More of the public go through the 4-H website.
- Process for generating agenda items for Core Committee. How to generate issues from outside committee? Louise stated that we need a more engaging avenue than Bulletin Board. Some suggestions:
  - 1) Program Days
  - 2) Friday Update – re-list committee members and a paragraph summary to Linda Fox. Craig will implement this process.
  - 3) Volunteer core – as Leaders Council meets often, perhaps the committee could get on their agenda.
  - 4) 4-H Talk
  - 5) Youth learning concerns from youth – no strategy yet, but need to ensure for more input.

- **Future Core Committee meetings**
  - WECN work? - The consensus of the committee is that WECN seems to serve us all well. We will continue with the telebridge system as well for those unable to travel to a WECN location.
  - Annual Face-to-Face Meeting – It was proposed to meet the Thursday proceeding 4-H Forum on the Puyallup campus for this meeting. Committee members were asked to hold the October 13<sup>th</sup> date. Pat suggested that it would be a logical time for the committee to attend 4-H Forum as there would be an opportunity to engage 150 volunteer staff if we choose to conduct the 4H Summit activity slated for Friday afternoon.
  
- **4-H fee structure discussion**
  - 4-H is not the only program talking about fee implementation. The discussion is taking place throughout Extension. Funds are generated five basic ways:
    - 1) Appropriated monies – State and Federal
    - 2) Special events – KYG, State Conference, etc.
    - 3) Grant generation
    - 4) Donations
    - 5) User fees

There is a National Task Force cornered to take a look at nationwide fees. There is no outcome yet, but we need to stay in alignment with this effort.

Chris is not opposed to a fee if \$10.00 or less, but will the volunteers feel ownership. They will want to know what their money is going for. Chris also feels Leader's Councils should have the chance to vote.

Stephanie and Chula feel that if members had to pay, they would be more committed. Stephanie also felt adults should be charged to establish more commitment on their part.

Several committee members were concerned about the collection mechanism. Accountability is a big concern. One possibility would be through the leaders council. Colorado charges a \$1.00 fee for events for non-members. The club is sent a bill each year based on the previous year's membership.

The current publication policy is that the leader decides if a family can afford – this would be the same for enrollment. This is an important component.

Pat will prepare a draft proposal before the March meeting. Committee members are invited to provide input. Ed suggested keeping within the Core Committee while drafting the proposal. Following this step, it would be presented to the A-Team and decide if implementation team is the proper plan to follow.

- **4-H History Project**

- Pat informed the committee about the 4-H history project under Susan Butts' leadership. One component involves partnering with Michigan State University (Endowment for the Arts/Humanities) with 1<sup>st</sup> century 4-H families. Washington State 4-H entered into an agreement with Lewis and Clark College in Idaho to assist with equipment to accomplish this project. Susan Butts has taken this on as her senior project. She will produce a video on 4-H history.

The next Core Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Linda Williams