

Core Committee Meeting May 10, 2006

Attendees: Lauri, Jan, Linda, Louise, Jerry, Don, Lisa

Federal Plan of Work

It was decided to table this agenda item until Pat is on the call.

Committee Liaison Reports

4-H Advisory Board - Don

Don reported that the Board met April 28 & 29 at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan. The main focus was the 2006 Forum, October 20 - 22 at Campbell's Resort. The workshop proposal deadline is May 12.

- One change for Forum this year will be daily evaluations. If the evaluation is turned in daily, you will receive a \$1.00 script each day to use for the auction.
- Workshop presenters will receive \$5.00 in script and there will be script given as door prizes.
- There is a new award – the Heather Rider Award. The award will be presented for leadership for those 18 – 21 years of age with three consecutive years of 4-H leadership experience. The recipient of this award will receive a plaque and \$50.00. This year the applications are due August 1st – next year they will be due June 1st in conjunction with the Hall of Fame applications.
- There will be an Alumni and Friends social at 5:30 p.m. co-hosted by the Advisory Board and the 4-H Foundation. There will be door prizes and, hopefully, a video camera to capture some of the alumni 4-H stories.
- The 2007 Forum will be in Pasco. Snohomish County has offered to host the 2008.

Please mark your calendars for face-to-face Core Committee meeting:

October 19th - 1:00 pm

October 20th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Jan asked Don if the youth members of the Advisory Board have been active participants. Don responded that there are to be eight youth at every meeting – typically there are 3 to 4.

Washington State 4-H Association – Lauri

The committee has not met face-to-face with a business meeting since the National Conference. A week ago many attended the Tri-State Professional Development Conference in Idaho.

Code of Conduct/Dress Code

Jan sent the Code of Conduct from Washington State to State Ambassadors (16), County Teen Reps (30), and Teen Programming Committee (6 adults/6 youth). She asked them to review the Code of Conduct and send responses to her. Eight youth and two adults responded. 80% of youth liked what is already in place and wouldn't make any changes. However there were some suggestions for change to 3 of the 10 items:

- 1) Dress Code – concern about the wording “clean and neat school clothes are appropriate”. As school clothes have changed considerably even in the past five years, the youth are requesting more definition of what this means.
- 2) Possession of Alcohol or Drugs – “ delegates shall not smoke”. Some people want added “no form of tobacco”.
- 3) Recommended that cell phones should be turned off completely – not on vibrate – text messaging can still be accomplished in this mode.

The initial recommendation came from the youth of Snohomish County. Don stated that the State Code didn't address daily operations.

- The Valuable Partnership will be brought up again for volunteer leaders.
- Need to get leaders educated.
- State Code of Conduct could use a few minor changes.
- Staff needs training on how to approach those who are inappropriately dressed.

Action Items:

- Jan will follow up with VDAT to ascertain if they plan to provide training on Code of Conduct/Dress Code at Program Days.
- Jan will write a summary (50 words or less) on the action the Core Committee has taken so far in perspective of the initial recommendation. She will state that we are not recommending a specific dress code, but the use of the documents that we already have in place. Jan will send out to the Core Committee listserve requesting revisions/clarification. This piece will then go to state staff.

5-Year Staffing Plan

- Louise said her understanding was that we are looking at the big picture of where our resources should be deployed when funding becomes available in terms of what kinds of staffing we want to put money behind.

The work done so far was done before there was a new Strategic Plan or Federal Plan of Work. Once these pieces are completed, we may need

to go back and look to see how well aligned it is. The staffing needs to line up under those strategic directions. Staffing may need to be "refreshed".

- Jerry stated State 4-H Staff will be a combination of permanent faculty and faculty on funded grant projects. WSU funded positions need to be generic in some sense in that issues are changing before our eyes. Example: Jerry is working on two issues right now that he gave little time to a year ago:
 - Livestock identification and sites where livestock are raised
 - Protocol where 4-H animals are viewed by the public

These two issues are larger than 4-H – they are really public health safety issues.

- Louise suggested that we sit on this issue until later on this summer or fall when we have the rest of the Strategic Plan and then go and assemble a committee that is larger than Louise and Jerry (particularly county representation), a broader based group.
- Jerry suggested putting the issue into a holding pattern until state staff meets in December spending one entire day on the staffing issue. He also suggested that Lauri have a conversation with Pat about the two sides of this issue – what state staff is going to do and the Core Committee group.
- A sub-committee will be pulled together at the appropriate time.

Our next meeting will be June 14, 2006 at 4:00 pm – 509.335.1700 passcode 5730

Liaison Reports

Jerry will do Dog/Horse

Pat will do a Challenge update