

**MINUTES OF
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CORE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2003**

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

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and stated which area they represent:

Craig Fenske – NW District

Stephanie Hiner – 4-H Youth

Chris Jackson – SE District

Nancy Beyerlin – SE District

Chula Bradshaw – 4-H Youth

Pat BoyEs – 4-H Program Director

Lisa DeWall – Mason County Program Coordinator

Jerry Newman – 4-H Specialist

Louise Parker – Director, Family Programs

Linda Williams – Support member of the committee

Welcome to new members

- FL - Drew Betz introduced herself as the new committee member representing Family Living. Drew's primary responsibilities are strengthening families, Family Night Out and leader of the State Parenting Team.

- ANR - Aaron Esser introduced himself as the NE District ANR representative to the committee. Arron is the Chair for Adams County. Arron's primary focus is the improvement of air quality. He is familiar with 4-H as he grew up in the organization.

Communication processes for Core Committee

- Internal communications – a Core Committee listserve has been established – the e-mail address is corecommittee@lyris.cahnrs.wsu.edu.
- Input to Core Committee – Minutes will be posted on the 4-H website. It was agreed that the committee needs a feedback mechanism on the website for the purpose of discussions between scheduled meetings. It was suggested that we utilize the button board feature for threaded discussions. Linda will contact Tony Wright for facilitation. Once in place a hot button will be placed on the 4-H web page to access the bulletin board. A discussion ensued regarding whether the bulletin board should

be internal or external. Jerry suggested that the discussions should open up as much as possible. Lisa agreed that input should come from everyone in the counties. The first topic for discussion will be "Charging for 4-H". The consensus was that volunteers would want to know where the money will go. Chris feels that the volunteers need to feel ownership of discussion. Once a fee is implemented, it must be in place for three years. The past two years the District Directors have supported curriculum costs of \$40,000, but will no longer be able to do so. Craig suggested framing the problem to 4-H families and see what comes back through the discussions. Pat will email committee members with an introductory statement before the bulletin board is established.

- Reports from Committees – We need to be in agreement of what format should look like for all boards minutes – 4-H Advisory Board, 4-H Foundation, 4-H Fair Board. There needs to be consistency. Louise will draft Meeting Summary Guidelines.

Strategic Plan Implementation

- Role of Core Committee - The question was asked, "What is the role of the Core Committee to implement the Strategic Plan?" Would the role be philosophical, cheerleader, coach to see that counties are programming to the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that the committee should be a support effort to encourage counties to move forward. The counties should utilize the Strategic Plan in program planning for next year. Jerry will post the Strategic Plan on 4-H Talk. Pat suggested that the work of the Core Committee should be focused on the operationalization of the Strategic Plan.
- Discuss notes from October Summit meeting – Louise was questioning the timeline for the committee to have logic models for other committees. Louise pointed out that most committees have not had logic model training. Perhaps it would be a good idea to use Forum to train volunteers to implement usage of the Strategic Plan.

Next Meeting: January 6, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. via WECN

Agenda Items

- Funding Issues
- Discuss Suggested Timeline and Management Structure Guidelines