I. INTRODUCTIONS
In attendance: Sylvester Taylor (All Stars), Cynthia Lurry (All Stars), Michelle Chandrasekhar (at large), Diane Molitaris (Dog Club), Tene Miller (Dade Street), John Papka (Trailblazers), Bill Burns (EZ Riders), Minnie Crump (Capital City Garden), Beth Huettel (Marine Science), Hattie Ruth Dennis (Capital City Garden), Janet Lehman (Fashion), Sharon Ames-Dennard (Sakarra)

II. Budget Threats – Bob Douglas, Master Gardener volunteer
Leon County 4-H is under the umbrella of the University of Florida (state dollars) and Leon County (county dollars.) With the property tax changes made by the state legislature & subsequent county budget changes in June, our 4-H Administrative Associate position was eliminated and Jeanette Gaskins was transferred to another county department. Bob talked about how it is important that volunteers “speak out” in support of 4-H and the Extension service so no further cuts are made.

III. Re-Enrollment Packets
Tracy distributed 4-H club re-enrollment form packets to current club leaders. We ask that these be returned by Oct 1st, however, new club members can be added throughout the year.

III. Florida 4-H Centennial 2009 – County Contact?
The state centennial committee is asking for each county to have a “contact” person to be sent updates from the committee on plans for the state celebration, suggestions & items for county celebrations and things of that sort. If you know of someone who is passionate about 4-H, maybe a Leon County alumnus, and might be able to take on this role, please let Tracy know.

IV. Florida 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (youth & adult surveys)
The University of Florida 4-H program is surveying youth and adults, who have been a part of 4-H for at least one year, to learn how 4-H has affected their lives. For Leon County to have a valid sample size, we need a minimum of 30 youth and 30 adults to participate (60 total.) The surveys were distributed tonight and we ask that they be returned by Friday, September 21st. We will then submit them and Gainesville will analyze our data. We can use the data for reports to county commissioners, state legislators and other stakeholders. We appreciate everyone’s help with this survey!
V. Leon County 4-H Club info sheet – update your info
Marcus passed around a master copy of the “club list” we distribute to those parents interested in their child joining a 4-H club. We asked the leaders to update or add their club to the list so we can update it for the 1st quarter of the new 4-H year. It is updated quarterly.

VI. Upcoming Events/Opportunities
North Florida Fair – November 8-18, 2007 Marcus distributed copies of what was on the www.northfloridafair.com website and entry forms. Entry forms are due October 1st.

National 4-H Week – October 7-13, 2007

VII. Announcements
Community Service – Community Pride Grants Proposals due back to our office on Friday, Sept 28th. Applications can be found on our website under “forms”

4-H Club Money Financial Reports due September 15th Copies can be found under forms on our website.

Club Charter Renewal Application New clubs or those who have not yet been chartered can find the application on our website.
Annual Club Charter Requests (renewals) due Oct 1st Clubs need to renew their charters each year. You can find the form on our website under forms.

Newsletters – due to the loss of our administrative associate, beginning in October, the 4-H newsletter will only be available on-line. We will try to email folks each month to let them know it’s been posted. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to no 4-H secretary!

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

NEXT LEADER MEETING: January 29, 2008