District III Council meeting
October 7, 2008
Minutes
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Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm (est) by president, Nefetari Dennard.

The pledges were said and roll call was taken by Secretary, Alyssa Stephens. Jefferson, Gulf, Leon, Gadsden and Liberty County were present.

Minutes from the April 8, 2008 meeting were read.

Treasurer report: no report but the checkbook has been transferred to the new treasurer in Gadsden County.

Old Business
- Congress: everyone who attended agreed it was a good week
- Constitution: significant changes were made to the constitution at the April meeting. The article relating to committees (tabled in April) was brought up in a motion. The proposed amendment to that article was included with the agenda. Amendment passes unanimously as proposed.
- Committees: committees will be active this year. The committees and their chairs are:
  1. Junior/intermediate event: Chair, Leon County
  2. Public Relations: Chair, Olean Rosier, Liberty (will include the district booth at the NFF)
  3. Spirit & Community Service: Chair, Gulf County (tentatively)
  4. Ways & Means: Chair, Arianna Knox, Gadsden County

New Business
- Centennial Celebration – what do we want to do as a district? The state council has the following suggestions for the district:
  - 100 hours of service for 100 years of 4-H
    - Jefferson County had the suggestion of each council member working to recruit the most number of new 4-H members and the winner gets a prize. (Council members need to work with their county agent for this to work.)
  - Plant 100 trees for 100 years
    - It was moved and seconded that each county in our district contact their county forester and arrange to plant at least 20 trees per county. The following members will work with their county forester & agent to schedule it and report back by the January meeting.
• Trees contact in each county:
  o Gulf: Quentin Carter
  o Gadsden: Arianna Knox
  o Liberty: Jordan
  o Jefferson: Janelle
  o Leon: Nefetari

➤ District Banner for display at State Fair kick off is due at 2nd executive board.
   More details to come.
• 4-H Blitz: Exploring 4-H – will be March 14, 2009 at the REC in Quincy. The members (so far) will consist of Alli Jones, Jason Jones, Nefetari Dennard, Stephanie Stephens, Alyssa Stephens & Janelle. More are invited to join. The committee will communicate before the next council meeting.
• North Florida Fair – Nov 6-16, 2008. 4-H Day is Nov 15 and 4-H members can get in free before noon that day with their membership card. The district council officers will present the awards at 2pm. Nefetari will MC the awards ceremony.
• Redirection of funds – Since counties are now bringing their own noisemakers to congress, those funds could be used for something else. It was moved and seconded that the district pays $30 per representative that attends 1st, 2nd and 3rd executive board (typically the president, vice-president and secretary). That would be $90 per meeting, $270 per year. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously and will work retroactively to pay Leon County pack $90 from 1st executive board.
• Facebook – Olean has started a District III Council facebook page to provide a method of communication amongst council members. Email her at obsessed.olean@gmail.com to be invited to join. Nefetari asked that folks send her 4-H pictures and you can email her at nefetaridennard@yahoo.com

Announcements were made. Council members were asked to take note of the webpage at the bottom of the agenda for lots of council documents & information (http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu/4%2DH%5FDepartment/clubs/district/district-materials.shtml) The next meeting will be January 6, 2009 via polycom at 4:30pm (est). The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Alyssa Stephens, District III 2008-09 Secretary