

Expansion and Review Committee, Meeting Minutes 7/9/18

Attendance: Christina Martin, Aaron Duspiva, Annette Tilney, Larry Tilney, Sheila Hribar

MSU Extension staff members – Katelyn Burns, Seth Martin, Lizz Duran

What do youth need to be successful?

- Confidence and self esteem
- Opportunities
- Critical thinking
- Information
- Someone to rely on (to be there when they need them)
- Sense of belonging
- Mentors
- Encouragement
- Sharing what they learned is important

What gaps exist in current youth programming efforts?

- Partner with summer camps w/ county parks
- Lack of opportunity for older kids to join. They want things to do!
- Teen club (offer different projects)

Where do you see needs?

- Social outlets with kids
 - Opportunities to communicate in person

What populations are being missed?

- Kids that don't have a "summer plan"
 - Isolated, don't have a place to go or things to do
- Homeless population
- Hispanic and Latino population

What services should be offered?

- Programs developed for teens. Programs for their social needs → fun, an outlet for them, place for them to hang out with their friends, with some workshops to build skills like public speaking
 - Specifically, summer programs

What is going wrong that should be looked at?

- Member limits → kind of unfair, makes it really hard to join clubs
- Relying on club leaders to bring youth into clubs

- Families need to be committed in this current system. Need good communication and transportation to get to all of the events.

Miscellaneous Ideas

- Teen sleepover night
 - Popcorn movie night
 - Kick start to get more participation
 - Can we get the SMART bus to bring our 4-H kids places? Or HeadStart buses to borrow? This is something to think about when planning any event. Accessibility!
- Youth sharing project animals. City → county and country → city
- Farm chores help so they are learning
- Stepping stone clubs for kids
- Wood working (woodshop) → Groesbeck lumber company
- Partnership with a corporation/business → tours and guest speakers. New club leaders?
 - Axalta, St. Johns, Armada Grain, Kroger, Chrysler suppliers, McClaren Health Systems, DTE Energy, Henryford, Wiegand's Nursery, Denewith Nursery, Fire Academy and Police Academy, MCC Programs
- Could we go to a school assembly or have a school assembly to talk about 4-H and discuss what it is? Then encourage them to join.
- Partner with hobby groups → welding, RC/airplanes, skilled trades, metal working
- CPR Certification for youth
- Sign competition for clubs with dates of the fair on them to advertise to check out the 4-H projects while there.
 - "come see us at the fair" signs
 - Clubs could win money for their signs...a project in and of itself! A committee could judge them and select a winner
- Poster contest county wide
- New 4-H Project day that you can do/ learn what other clubs are doing
- Small project at the fair along with a craft?

Next steps for the committee

- Make it an official committee? Could we tie it into the youth council?
 - Christina graciously agreed to be the secretary and take minutes and be the lead communicator. We all were in favor of her being the secretary!
 - Should we elect the rest of the board at our next meeting?
- Next meeting will be in the Fall. Need to discuss possible dates.
- Teen social night is a good place to start to host an event. Could the youth council be involved as well?
 - Team building games and projects? Building things together
 - Friday Night
 - Advertise at the fair and fall club leader meetings
 - Get input from youth on what they want to do