

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING

March 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Santiago Gonzalez
Ruben Rodriguez
Maritza Ruley
Heinrich Uhrmacher
Maria L. Elena Villanueva

ABSENT

Trini Acosta
Nelda Antunez
Celia Caldera
Romana Grijalva
Ramon Jimenez
Rocio Lozano

STAFF

Maria Valdivia
Beatriz Rivera
Rosario Ortiz
Janet Gonzalez

Quorum not met

CALL TO ORDER

Santiago opened meeting at 1:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Santiago Gonzalez welcomed everyone and introduced himself. The council members and staff introduced themselves.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The program currently has 152 active foster grandparents, 4 FGs have left the program. Two of them left to care for a spouse, one of them passed away and the other was dismissed from the program. The program is ahead in hours, with the summer coming and reduction of service, it should be current with the hours.

The Love Conference was a success this year. The newspaper printed an article and one of the program volunteers was interviewed.

CDBG week this year is from April 10-17. This year the department has asked the program to help with a food drive. The program will have volunteers at a store to collect can food items. They will be at the Big 8 store on Viscount everyday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. They will be wearing their uniforms and encouraging people to donate.

The program receives \$26,000 from CDBG funds. The program also had a pinning ceremony along with RSVP. The program awarded the top 25 volunteers with a pin. It was held on April 16, 2009 at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Christmas banquet is scheduled for December 11, 2009. Maria obtained 3 quotes from the Radisson, the Wyndam and from the Civic Center. The Wyndham offered a lower quote. The staff is discussing the gift the FGs will receive this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia
Coordinator

Approved by Santiago Gonzalez
Program Advisory Council President