

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nelda Antunez
Mayme Avent
John T. Bohls
Christy Chavarria
Patricia Duran
Alicia Gonzalez
Evangelina Hernandez
Christine Johnson
Jesse Lascano
Joe Olvera
Fran Pataky
Ofelia Porras
Concepcion Vasquez

ABSENT

Armida Arredondo
Lidia Flynn
Susan Maddox
Janice Nutt
Melinda Read

STAFF

Maria I. Valdivia
Janet Gonzalez

Quorum was met.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joe Olvera.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the March 13, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Jesse Lascano to approve minutes, seconded by John Bohls. Motion passed.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joe Olvera introduced Ms. Ofelia Porras and Ms. Concepcion Vasquez, two new advisory council board members, representing the Foster Grandparents.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Currently there are 120 Foster Grandparents serving. The next in-service is scheduled for April 27, 2001 at the Missouri Recreation Center. Training will consist of a refresher course of the rules and regulations of the program.

There is no information from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation on the grant proposal that was submitted in March 2001 available yet.

Maria appeared before County Commissioners Court to present the program progress report, it was discussed at that meeting that the County was encouraging all outside funded agencies to seek alternate funding. The County Proposal for funding was submitted for Fiscal Year 2002.

The Corporation for National Service requires a biannual program progress report. The Foster Grandparent Program's is due on April 27, 2001.

The Foster Grandparent Program's application for federal money is due back to the Corporation by July 1, 2001. This will be a three year application.

Maria encouraged anyone that was interested in viewing on these documents to call or stop by her office.

The Program Specialist has not been hired, someone appealed their disqualification and this has delayed the process.

The evaluations of volunteer sites are due by April 30, 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORT

It was discussed that the Foster Grandparent Program can do fundraising for the benefit of the Foster Grandparents only. The FGP Advisory Council was set up only to serve the Foster Grandparent Program. It was set up to assist with evaluation of the program, oversight of the Program and to do fundraising for the benefit (recognition) of the Foster Grandparents. The council agreed to assign members to the different committees in the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the separate account maintained for flowers and such for the grandparents. Maria advised the council that the account holder had been located and provided us with the current Dallas address. Maria has already gone to the bank and they will contact her when the paperwork for the account is ready for transfer. Christine Johnson suggested that there be a two signature account to avoid problems like this in the future. Pat Duran suggested that the FGs that participated in this fund be allowed to vote on what to do with it.

NEW BUSINESS

John Bohls voiced a concern regarding the lack of identification needed to get into the schools. He did three evaluations and no one questioned who he was. Maria advised him that a letter introducing all of the advisory council members had been sent to the schools that they were assigned to visit. Jesse Lascano suggested that we have some generic business cards made up with a signature line for their names. Maria agreed to have these available for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. at the El Paso Community College, Rio Grande

Campus. Jesse Lascano and Pat Duran will get us a room. Pat Duran encouraged the council members to bring their lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia
Coordinator

Approved by Susan Maddox
Program Advisory Council President

Date

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