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Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 23, 2024 Broome County Library

Present: Foster Grandparents: Donna Saker, Victoria Rucker and Nancy Elwood. Community Member: Joan Krissel, Peter Fuerst, Dr. Youjung Lee
OFA Staff: Francie Keefe, Program Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

- Francie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Program Manager's Report

- **Current Foster Grandparent Status.** Francie reported current Foster Grandparent Status. The program is currently at 31 active grandparents with 4 on LOA.
- **In-service requirements.** Francie discussed regulations set by ACS for required in-service hours.
- **Outreach Efforts.** Francie discussed the latest outreach efforts made by the Foster Grandparent staff. Field Supervisor Robin has been to several tabling events including NoMa and the Lee Barta Center. FGP Newsletter were sent out to sites in January. FGP staff will continue outreach with sites to ensure all staff know about the program.
- **Volunteer Sites.** Working on contract with new site at HCA.
- **New Brochures created.** Francie created a new brochure for administrative staff and teachers. Other brochure was geared towards volunteers.
- **Recognition Dinner-** FGP is planning on inviting teachers and staff to the recognition dinner this year. Will be a bigger event.
- **In-services** – March will be held at new location. April will be Volunteer recognition to celebrate volunteer recognition month. RSVP will attend. Jason G and press are invited. May BU fall assessment will return.
- **Fund Raising Committee-** council agreed to reinstate committee as long as fg volunteers to run it. There has been a lack of interest in others joining committee. Will dissolve if no one else joins.

Next Meeting: - TBD