

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Camp Harkness Office**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**October 26, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, April Dipollina, Shannon Aiello, Bev Jackson, Betsie Danforth, Thomas Dailey, MaryAnn Langdon, Dan Steward, Ron Rasi

**Others Present:** Charmique Grange, Joe Zinko, Phil Stanley, Carin Mancini, Charlie Rose, Rose Anne Rose

**1. Call to Order:** 10:42 AM

**2. Public Comments:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

August minutes were tabled – no hard copy available to review.

MaryAnn motioned to approve September minutes. April seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Fund:**

April reported activities including:

**A. Fund Raisers**

- Only one (1) T-shirt was sold at the Road Race
- Request for funding to Kelsey Foundation for Play Group is finished

**B. Play Group**

- The group is very diverse but becoming more cohesive; there is more interaction among parents
- DPH came to talk with parents on accessing services
- Stan to talk with April regarding transition thru services with different agencies; improve the articulation from service to service

**C. Other Activities**

- Motorcycle Gift Run will be November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Partial funds will go to Camp Harkness Fund
- Series of three (3) Nutrition Group Meetings for parents and individuals living independently

**7. Old Business**

**A. Camp Report**

**i. Camp Usage/ Events – see attached**

- Vicki reported
- Cabin users: 590
- Special Event participants: 1,561
- Tent campers: 26
- Day Visitors: 1,963
- Volunteers: 13
- Total for the month: 4,140

- ii. **High Hopes**
  - Vicki shared data from High Hopes
  - They only provided services for camp
  - They did have “open barn” lines for other to access services
  - Betsie suggested some type of notification of receipt of services to parents
  - Thomas suggested asking if there are interim services to provide for longer service at camp
  - It was suggested that High Hopes attend the January meeting
  - Vicki will talk with High Hopes at today’s camp meeting regarding their needs to provide more service
- iii. **Halloween Party**
  - ARC Halloween Party will be on Friday
  - Summer staff volunteers will do the Haunted Train Ride
  - Carin suggested Vicki check with HR regarding liability
- iv. **Physical Plant:**
  - Joe reported
    - Winterizing cabins
    - Lines installed to gate house: electric, phone and third for possible Wi-Fi
    - Service/ repairing heating
    - Discussion of possible donation of broad band services from local company to be reviewed with DDS IT

## **B. DDS Updates**

- Conversions complete some time in February/ March
- Census in Southbury is coming down under 200

- i. **State Budget**
  - Passed Senate above veto margin
- ii. **Planning for 2018 Camp Season**
  - Vicki is compiling a list of activities for Casino Groups in spring
  - Email received that Eagle Scout project is on hold

## **C. Advocacy**

- i. **Holiday Brunch**
  - Bev designed and sent invitation to members
  - Sign up for what each will bring was passed around
  - Stan will send invites to Senator Formica, Representative McCarthy, Deputy Commissioner and DD caucus leaders
- ii. **Petition – Possible Presentation**
  - Betsie compiled signatures in a more concise format
  - Discussion of when to present them continues with scheduling to see Governor

**8. New Business:**

- Rose Anne shared information about unused monies in the General Fund for State Parks
- It was questioned whether Camp Harkness receives any monies from a grant left to certain parks by an estate
- Rose Ann wondered if it was okay to submit Camp Harkness as a recipient of monies from Grange Quilt Raffle
- Ron Rasi shared an obituary of husband of long time member Ginny Hogan. Condolences will be sent from the membership

**9. Adjournment:** 12:01 PM

**Next Meeting:** December 7, 2017 at Camp Harkness

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Aiello, Secretary