

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
January 25, 2018
Notes**

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Bev Jackson, Shannon Aiello, MaryAnn Langdon

Others Present: Neil Cobliegh, Shakira Gunn

1. Call to Order: No quorum

2. Public Comments: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes: None

5. Correspondence: None

6. Camp Harkness Fund:

A. Updates

- Vicki reported that she is still waiting for a response from Kelsey Foundation on grant submitted to fund the Play Group
- Next Play Group will be January 27, 2018
- March 24, 2018 – Activity Fair for summer planning
- April will invite different vendors
- Hope to expand programs by obtaining grants

7. Old Business

A. Camp Report

i. Camp Usage/ Events – see attached

- Vicki gave December report
- Cabin users: 68
- Special Event participants: 272
- Volunteers: 68
- 400 individuals and families benefited from gifts and gift cards
- This month taking reservations and requests
- Waiting until gate resolution
- Vicki was sent a waiting list of pass requests which totaled over 300

ii. Physical Plant:

- Shannon asked about the water buildup near turn to Beach/ Office
- Members suggested that some type of indicator with flashers be put up

B. DDS Updates

i. State Budget:

- No report

C. Advocacy

- Bev stressed continued awareness of Camp Harkness

8. New Business:

A. Oak Hill Accessibility Project

- Pi Kappa Phi volunteers /projects Ability Experience will come to camp on April 6th weekend to work on Oak Hill cabins 3 and 4
- Oak Hill maintenance staff will assist (prep work) to reconfigure cabins
 - Create bathroom space
 - Make ramps more accessible
 - Expand and add 2 ramps
- Expand space for counselors
- Another proposed project in the Brown Cabin Circle
- More existing gazebo between cabins 2 and 3 – replace with new and larger more accessible sun shelter
- Other possible projects could be proposed if time allows
- The group will spend the weekend at Camp

B. Donation for Bricks

- Vicki suggested that she receive donations from the Board for Ginny Hogan by February/ March meeting in order to meet the June order deadline

C. Thank you/ Goodbye

- Neil Cobligh is retiring in mid-February after many years of service and dedication to Camp Harkness
- The Board extended their thanks and well wishes

Next Meeting: February 22, 2018 at Harkness Hall

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary