

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
September 22, 2016
Minutes**

Present: MaryAnn Langdon, Betsie Danforth, Vicki Severin, April Dipollina, Shannon Aiello, Jackson Pierre-Louis

Others Present: Carin Mancini, April Hardy, Chris Pierce

1. A quorum was not present

2. Camp Harkness Fund:

A. Brick Campaign

- Vicki reported there will be a presentation after the Road Race event on Sunday, October 5, 2016

B. Dune Fence

- Members of maintenance crew will meet with Bev and Bill to discuss placement of fence

C. Respite

- April participated in a conference on September 21, 2016
- Next meeting November 10, 2016

D. Play Group

- April reported four (4) children attended the group in September

E. Workshops

- The workshop "Positive Tools for Care" was cancelled
- A discussion of the best time to have a 90-minute presentation outlining the six-week course included suggestions of a skype option for more participation
- Another suggestion included offering the workshop at a different time – on a Saturday or in March when families and caregivers are less busy

3. Camp Usage/ Events:

A. Camp Report

- See attached
- Vicki gave August report
- Betsie questioned whether usage information was getting to legislators
- April stated that she has asked the Family Support Council to include information in their annual report
- MaryAnn suggested sending monthly reports directly to legislators, DDS caucus and to Beth Bye
- Camp Directors met with High Hopes staff to share ideas for next year
- They would like to encourage more interaction with animals (horses) and possibly bring in other animals

4. Gate:

- Vicki stressed that the issue of the gate needed to remain in the minutes
- Contract ends in March – cannot give out passes at this point
- No training has been given from the company in California – difficult to contact
- Questions were raised as to how passes should be distributed to agencies
- Carin is contacting ADT
- A plan will be developed at the next meeting regarding the type of system needed and it will be presented to the company representative asked to attend
- Directors met with High Hopes staff to share ideas for next year

Next Meeting: October 27, 2016 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary