

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
February 27, 2020
Minutes**

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, MaryAnn Langdon, Cres Secchiaroli, April Dipollina

Others Present: Jackie Staller, Matt Lewellen, Chris Pierce, John Massicotte

1. Call to Order: 11:07 AM

2. Public Comment: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

MaryAnn motioned to approve the minutes. Bev Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Camp Harkness Foundation:

A. Play Group

- The Parent's Night Out was successful
- Attendance is increasing
- 21 people attended the Drum Circle
- The grant from L&M was received again

B. Fundraising

- Heather is organizing a Walk-A-thon
- She is discussing dates with Vicki and it will possibly be held on June 6, 2020

C. Sun Shelter

- John and Chris are communicating with Sigfridson & Son for the final plans and a new quote on the shelter

D. Earth Day Clean-Up

- Earth Day Clean-up will be held on April 19, 2020

7. Old Business

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- John reported that they are gearing up to get the kitchen equipment ready
- Cleaning crew will be doing the floors
- All of the kitchen equipment will be serviced
- Chris is replacing a water line
- DEP came to discuss the control of fragmites, a weed that grows along the beach
- Progress on Shelter 1 which was shut down due to beach erosion – Chris will address with Matt in coming weeks

ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave January report (see attached)
- Shannon relayed the ARC's concern with the bed bug issues that happened last summer
- Vicki stated that all cabins had been exterminated
- It was discussed that a procedure should be developed for future exterminations throughout the entire Camp to deal with bed bugs
- It was suggested that all Camps should be following the same procedure for consistency

iii. Camp Operations:

- Vicki met with John and Human Resources to determine summer positions

iv. Security:

- No update

B. DDS Updates

- Cres reported that he met with the Appropriations Committee and the budget looks good
- There were plans for three (3) Emergency Transition Housing;
 - one is up and running in Meriden
 - continued work on the building in Norwich – should open in May
- Expanded request for summer workers at Camp Harkness

C. Advocacy Update

i. CHAC Vacancies/ Representatives

- Language has to be changed before adding new members
- Due to timing issues, the request did not make it into the Bill for the Legislature to vote

ii. Administration

- Bev Jackson was able to contact officials at Sunrise and there will be a camp at the UCP cabins this summer
- The camp that was formally administered by UCP is now administered by Sunrise Northeast Opportunities

8. New Business: None

10. Adjournment: 11:40 AM

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary