

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
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**Meeting ID: 9609464276**  
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**June 25, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Heather Dieberger

**Others Present:** Patricia West, John Massicotte

**1. Call to Order:** 10:32 AM

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

April motioned to approve minutes. Bev seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Foundation:**

**A. Play Group**

- April reported that she was excited about the Play Group starting again
- She sent out emails requesting input regarding the time of the Play Group meetings
- It was decided that the Play Group would meet Wednesdays, 1-2:30
- Seven sessions are scheduled
- Due to Covid 19 restrictions, families must stay together as a group with social distancing
- Masks must be worn, and groups must not be separated
- Vicki was asked to write up a protocol to be approved before correspondences were sent out about the Play Group
- Possible start date is July 8<sup>th</sup>
- “Family Household Pods” to do group activities
- Music therapist to work with dates decided or plan special sessions
- Art therapist intern has been hired
- Stan expressed the need for discussions on how to move forward rather than focus on getting “back to normal” – flexibility is important

**B. Fundraising**

- Fundraising activities have been put on hold
- Heather expressed concern over cancelled family walk and its impact on fund raising
- She requested anyone familiar with virtual walks share info with her on how they are being run
- Stan said he would share some information with her

**C. Sun Shelter**

- Awaiting quotes from Mattern Company
- Moving old structure – several suggestions were discussed regarding the best place to put it, but no decision was made

## 7. Old Business

### A. Camp Report

#### i. Physical Plant:

- John reported; Working on phased re-opening of the Camp
- Some staff is not returning
- Wildflowers planted at front gate
- Catching up on past proposed activities
- Staff has been wonderful and flexible
- Going forward we must be aware of maintaining safety of Camp
- Entire Camp has been sanitized – “portables” have been sanitized twice a day
- New signage has been added around the Camp
- Planned improvements for Cabins including painting
- Several repairs in Dorcus Lodge
- Beach road cleaned up; brush pushed back
- Family bathrooms will open soon
- MaryAnn and Bev voiced concern about difficulty using portables; Patricia West responded that she would address the issue
- Vicki asked about reopening the Play Scape; Patricia responded that it wasn't in the plan
- Several agreed that it would be a challenge to keep it sanitized

#### ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave the May report (see attached)
- Many scheduled events are still cancelled
- Several people have volunteered for gardens
- Phase 1 re-opening will start on June 12<sup>th</sup> for people to walk the grounds
- Phase 2 on June 19<sup>th</sup> - pass holders are able to reserve tables
- Times will be: 9am-4pm for picnicking and 5pm-8pm for walking the grounds
- Beach to open on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with 50 occupants total; 5 guests per pass holder
- Individuals will be given bracelets at gate to monitor numbers and for staff to identify individuals on the grounds
- MaryAnn and Bev questioned how we can do activities at the Camp; Vicki will have a discussion with Joe and staff at Oak Hill

### B. DDS Updates

- Patricia reported multiple committees are working on reopening
- Kudos to John and Vicki on their hard work with Camp reopening
- April asked if parents were on the reopening committee
- John shared that inspections are restarting to get everything in order – many inspections had been waived

### C. Advocacy

- Medicaid providers did receive some Federal funding
- Much needed at State level with the challenge of lost revenue from closures
- Special sessions for the Legislature possible in July and August

## 8. New Business:

- Stan to send information regarding virtual walks as requested by Heather

## 9. Adjournment: 11:37AM

Next Meeting: July 23, 2020 - TBD

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary