

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting
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August 27, 2020
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dieberger, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon, Bev Jackson, Jackson Pierre-Louis

Others Present: John Massicotte, Patricia West

1. Call to Order: 10:33 AM

2. Public Comment: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes:
Tabled until next meeting.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Camp Harkness Foundation:

A. Play Group

- Vicki reported that the Play Group started at the end of July
- 2 sessions were cancelled due to weather
- Music Therapist was used – contracted for 12 sessions; may do some evening sessions to complete contract

B. Sun Shelter

- Foundation has selected and sent deposit to Roadstone Construction to build shelter
- The cost was more than originally thought – will do fund raising to help pay for shelter
- Donation from long-time camper will be used toward purchasing additional items for the shelter (picnic tables, fans, etc.)

C. Fund Raising

- Heather requested picture of shelter to put on PayPal to link on social media to assist with fundraising
- Continued work with Motorcycle Run organizers – will do a hybrid, possible drive-thru with drop boxes
- Train Show is cancelled
- Festive 5K – unsure if able to hold as a virtual event

7. Old Business

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- Discussion of Family bathroom at beach – request to have it open during Camp hours was still under discussion
- John stated that approval to leave the bathroom open was never officially received
- A plan has been submitted to central office for approval
- There is an ongoing issue of keeping facility clean without required staff
- Patricia West explained concern as to cleaning after each use – she will take issue to Committee on Re-opening
- Vicki stated that the portables are cleaned 4x a day
- Jackson stated concerns about leaving restrooms open – a disclaimer might need to be posted
- Patricia will let Vicki know response from Committee once she reaches out to them
- Locks were changed to be more accessible

ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave report (see attached)
- 2600 visitors/ 1316 turn-arounds
- Play Group had 24 in attendance
- 1 week of tent people
- As of July 24th, 100 people are allowed to visit Camp each day
- 14 volunteers

B. DDS Updates: No report

C. Advocacy

- MaryAnn suggesting getting an end of the year report about activities at Camp Harkness
- Although not required, Stan stated that it was a good thought to reflect on all of the adaptations made due to Covid-19
- Next Month's agenda will include a discussion about what should be included in the report
- Suggested that a copy of the report be sent to Senator Formica and Representative McCarthy

8. New Business:

- Bev will be sending a card to Todd Perkins who retired from Camp
- John will email the appropriate address to Bev
- Monday, August 30th – meeting to develop final protocol for Fall
- Beaches will close after Labor Day
- It was suggested that someone from the Advisory Committee join the team
- Bev, MaryAnn and Shannon volunteered to participate in the meeting on Monday

9. Adjournment: 11:45AM

Next Meeting: September 24, 2020 - TBD

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary