

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting
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February 25, 2021
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langton, Bev Jackson, April Dipollina, Jackson Pierre-Louis

Others Present: John Massicotte

1. Call to Order: 10:34 AM

2. Public Comment: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

MaryAnn motioned to approve minutes. Bev seconded the motion. Minutes were approved. Jackson abstained.

5. Correspondence:

Vicki received a call from someone regarding the beach. There was no update on the call.

6. Camp Harkness Foundation:

A. Play Group

- April reported that funds remain from last year due to Covid
- Did not apply for a new grant
- Last Saturday, Play Group had Zoom meeting with Music Therapist
- Opened early to allow parents to ask questions without kids present
- Two more groups are planned for March 13th (Zoom), April 17th if social distancing is possible
- Will attempt Camp Fire Drum Circle again – a great positive way of meeting at Camp
- April posted a picture of Play Group member building a snowman in his yard; she will continue to post activities that members are participating in

B. Fundraising

- Vicki reported that the issue with the IRS is unresolved
- Vicki spoke with Marion Brown regarding efforts to celebrate the new shelter

7. Old Business

- No update from Central Office

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- John reported that things are proceeding as normal
- Starting summer hiring process
- A new maintenance person is in training and is an asset for the Camp
- Carpenter will be starting in mid-March to replace Chris Pierce who was promoted
- Hope to receive funds (bond) to complete projects in coming months
- Vicki and John met with Human Resources to approve summer staff
- Unknown what numbers might be
- Cabin status undetermined
- No specific guidelines from the State or Governor decision
- Individual camps are putting in proposals for day programs

ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave January report (see attached)
- Reservations are on hold
- Staff participating in Med Certification Training
- Tracking Day Visitors through data basis; resolve daily but not monthly
- Continue to work on the process
- No response from Boy Scouts on their project
- Waterford High School oceanography coordinator is applying for a grant
- Volunteers: 10
- Visitors: 18

B. DDS Updates:

- Jackson reported many changes around vaccinations
- Reopening Committee is looking at opening more facilities
- Jackson stated that Krista Ostaszewski, formerly our Legislative Liaison, has had her job changed to Health Care Administrator

C. Advocacy

- Appropriations Committee public hearing is scheduled March 2nd
- Online registration required in advance on Legislature's web page
- Heather asked about talking points
- Stan responded that the Alliance has several talking points regarding:
 - Rate increase for providers
 - Federal funding/ Covid related funding
 - Minimum wage
- Stan will send information

8. New Business

A. Plastic Straw Bill:

- MaryAnn reported that the bill against plastic straws is coming out again
- She will email the bill number to others

B. Election of Officers:

- Bev stated, "Don't change something that isn't broken"
- MaryAnn motioned to accept the slate of officers presented
 - Stan Soby – President
 - Heather Dierberger – Vice President
 - Shannon Aiello – Secretary
- April seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed

C. Vacancies on Advisory Committee:

- Changes went to Central Office – no problems
- Changes were supported for fill-in positions
- Bill passed after notification
- We will initiate process of recruiting and send nominee names to appointing authorities from the State

9. Adjournment: 11:38 PM

Next Meeting: March 26, 2021 by Zoom meeting

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary