Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385-3825
May 26, 2022
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, April DiPollina, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, Elisa Marcoux, Betsie Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon

Others Present: John Massicotte, Chris Pierce, Cres Seccaroli

1. **Call to Order:** 10:49 AM
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Additions to Agenda**: None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Bestie motioned to approve the minutes. April seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
5. **Correspondence**: None
6. **Camp Harkness Foundation:**
   A. **Garden Cleanup**
      - April discussed ongoing issue with garden clean up and the need for volunteers
      - Shannon and Marion have volunteered many hours doing clean up
      - The responsibility needs to be shared to get the work done

   B. **Camper-ships**
      - Foundation members met with Sunrise director regarding Camper-ships
      - Members discussed staying true to the mission of the Foundation to support the camps
      - Will send checks when needs are known
      - The question of DDS paying for camp for DDS clients was raised
      - Some funding comes through IFS grants which are paid all over the state

   C. **Fundraising**
      - No update

   D. **Playground**
      - Elisa met with O'Brien on sight – has a plan for Playground
      - John exploring Bond monies

7. **Old Business:**
   A. **Camp Report**
      i. **Physical Plant:**
         - Chris reported
         - Air conditioning replaced and running in Yellow and Brown Cabins
         - Water is on
         - Dumpster delivered
         - Trying to keep up with grass cutting
         - Planting area and issue with paving
         - Creating new planters - will put them closer to Greenhouse as an option this season
         - Waiting quotes for asphalt
         - Several trees taken down – DOT bringing stump grinder
         - Gliders in Brown area and glider by water
         - John requesting purchase orders for concrete under shelters
         - Painting Brown Cabins and Shower House
         - Repairing fire pits

- Roof on Shower House
- Quote for new Gate House
- Water on Beach Road – meeting with DEP to address question of whether the road can be raised
- Green Cabins possible to do new roofs because they are not utilized this season

ii. Camp Usage/ Events:

- Elisa gave report for April (see attached)
- Cabin users: 9
- Day visitors: 502
- Campers: 0
- Volunteers: 85 (25 in Garden; 52 Master Gardeners, 8 Office Staff)
- Continued staffing issues – interviews are ongoing
- Beach closed due to lack of lifeguards
- Signs posted stating: No Swimming Allowed
- Jackie also posted on Facebook
- Official message on website
- Stan suggested contacting Rob Brule to have Waterford PD drive through during staffing short-comes
- Request for more beds – received 18 new mattresses
- CW Resources informed Director that they are doubling prices because of low attendance
- Jackson questioned the contract – should it be reviewed to see if requires guaranteed numbers
- Follow up with Business Office and DAS
- Heather questioned how it was possible to obtain Camp Pass on Pleasant Lake
- Current form says 1-Day Pass
- Elisa will resolve issue

B. DDS Updates:

- No Updates

C. Advocacy:

- No Updates

D. Dan Steward Bench:

- No Update

E. Reservation System:

- No update

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 11:47 AM

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022, TBA

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary