

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
March 24, 2016
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi, Shannon Aiello, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Vicki Severin, Betsie Danforth

Others Present: Frank Provenzano, Ernie Smith, Kent Stanley, Chris Kogut, Neil Cobliegh

1. Call to Order: 10:39 AM

2. Public Comments: None

3. Additions to Agenda:

- Casino Crew Clean-up
- Summer Fest

4. Approval of Minutes:

Jackson motioned to approve minutes as amended. Bev seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passed.

Amended minutes:

- Jackson Pierre-Louis was present
- No clean up on Earth Day
- Fee for lost key - \$15
- Each camp will have master keys specific to their buildings
- Clean-up Day was April 16th and Earth Day was April 22nd

5. Correspondence: None

6. Camp Harkness Fund:

A. Monthly Report

- Vicki reported that the Wellness Workshop went well
- Nourishing Bites was well attended. People liked it and requested that it continue
- Some monies (\$300) were raised
- Might be possible to repeat workshop in the fall when grounds are in bloom
- Liza Bono will no longer be able to assist with website
- Brick applications were reviewed – will implement ideas shared at last meeting
- An individual who is an herbalist wants to volunteer at camp

Old Business:

A. Camp Report

- see attached

i. Budget/ Summer Hiring

- Carin not present
- Budget not decided, Governor has expressed that there will be lay-offs

ii. Camp Usage/ Events

- Vicki reported February activity
 - 90 special events participants
 - 40 camp users
 - 4 Master Gardner volunteers
 - 4 Camp volunteers

iii. Physical Plant (including Master Plan)

- Signs look great, job well done by crew
- Increase size of stop sign
- Sign in Garden box at entrance will be redone
- Ernie is organizing April 16th Clean Up
- April 15th - New London group coming
- Ernie will order stone dust and mulch; a large crew from Casino will bring packers on May 13th for use in gardens and sunset overlook to accommodate wheel chairs
- Bev asked if Vicki had contacted Joan Kelsy – she wanted to donate garden tools; Bev will make the contact
- Jackson shared that Southbury will donate funds from wood sales
- Stan asked if Casino group had equipment to forge a trail from Yellow Cabins to the beach as mentioned in the Master Plan
- Clean up of fallen trees will be done on Clean-up Day
- Bridge will need to be fixed
- Representatives from United Way will come on Monday, March 28th at 11am; they will take pictures of wanted projects to report to their group
- This is Frank's last meeting – he is retiring
- Stan express appreciation for all Frank's hard work and commented on how much it has improved the surroundings and functionality of the camp. His comments were applauded by all members of CHAC

B. Website Update: None

- Frank reported that he had contacted Carin regarding IT in Hartford and got a staggering estimate of \$300,000
- Frank is looking at Cox Cable

C. Senior Volunteer Program

- Betsie reported information from the website of group members
- Suggested that we involve pass holders

D. Camp Pass Application Process

- No change

E. Other

- Bev and Maryann had looked at catalogues for picnic tables
- Bev brought one in with several appropriate examples of picnic tables to look at

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 11:54PM

Next Meeting: April 28, 2016 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary