

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Toronto Central Council Board Committee
Annual Report – Camps Committee
Fiscal Year Ending March 2016

Committee Name: Camps Committee

Mandate:

To provide direction and support of the operational and financial management of the Society's residential camp programs Marygrove Camp for girls and Camp Ozanam for boys.

Committee Members:

Harry Mosuk, Chairman

Don Walmsley Rosalind Linley Alan Vale, Director Camp Ozanam

Louise Coutu, Director Marygrove Camp

Successes/Progress in the Past Year:

- Located and purchased new site for Camp Ozanam
- Ensured Camp Ozanam was operational on its first summer on a limited basis
- Increased number of campers at Marygrove by ensuring the waiting lists were kept active
- Welcomed 18% first time campers as a result of Vincentians seeking out eligible children
- Increased use of Marygrove Camp facility in the off season for with three new community groups

Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:

- Secure funding for Camp Ozanam renewal
- Secure ongoing funding for Camp Ozanam
- Increase camper base for Camp Ozanam drawing from local areas
- Increase the use of the Marygrove Camp facility in the off season for retreats, school groups and community groups.
- Secure a pick up and drop off venue that is consistently open and welcoming to both campers and campers parents

Longer Term Goals:

- Secure ongoing funding for both Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam
- Develop capital renewal program for Camp Ozanam
- Continued discussions on optimizing the results of the camp collection
- Participate in re-forestation at Marygrove in old growth areas
- Explore opportunities to integrate camp staff into Saint Vincent de Paul outreach and programs with a special emphasis on youth development and outreach

Comments:

We continue to be grateful to the Vincentians for their efforts in registering eligible children for both programs and to Catholic Charities for providing the funding to operate Camp Ozanam. The campers who attend Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam enjoy the exceptional leadership and care of a compassionate, dedicated and energetic staff team.

Date: September 2016