

2015 Annual Report of KORA Committees, Subcommittees, Service, Special Interest Groups and Support Groups

2015 Annual Report to KORA of the WOODSHOP STANDING COMMITTEE

2015 Chair: Jim Helm

Chair since what year: 2012

2016 Chair: Dennis Cook and Bob Van Dale, co-chairs

1. Current mission statement:

"To provide an appropriate facility for wood workers to practice their skills. To repair, refinish, paint and stain possessions of our residents and staff (at a small charge for labor and materials). To assist Kendal's Facilities Services throughout the campus with repairs. To inspect and repair items as requested by the R. A. F., to periodically donate time and materials to good causes, to continue all the unknown good works that go unreported during the year by resident Woodshoppers."

2. Changes to mission statement: Yes or No Indicate changes as necessary

"The Mission of the Kendal at Oberlin Woodshop is to provide the space and appropriate equipment for Woodshop members to build, finish, and repair personal projects.

If feasible, members may also

- 1) make or repair items at minimal cost for other residents,
- 2) inspect and repair items for resale by Kendal Resale Shop and the Cardinal Shop,
- 3) assist Kendal Facility Services or other staff when requested,
- 4) offer advice and assistance to members on woodworking projects when requested,
- 5) donate time and materials to good causes,
- 6) assist residents and Kendal staff in salvaging and repurposing usable building materials."

3. Summary of activities and accomplishments:

Supervised the wonderful renovation of the Woodshop:

- new non-slip floor, new eye-wash stations,
- new dust collectors with ducting (including a duct under the floor for the table saw),
- new parts drawers,
- improved ventilation,
- repurposed cabinets to improve storage, repurposed kitchen sink,
- more space for power tools.
- new bench built by a member for the paint room.
- Committee members removed many items prior to the renovation, then brought them back and found places to store them. The shop is now more convenient, attractive, and useful - a joy to work in.

Undertook community projects:

- new coat hooks for Langston,
- new shelves for the library,
- new shuttles for the High School,
- refinished benches throughout Kendal,
- the miniature golf course repaired and set up,
- furniture repaired in the Fox & Fell, Langston, Lounge, and Auditorium, repairs for residents (31), RAF (11), House Committee (5), KaO (2), Horticulture (1), Senior Independence (1).

Donated surplus tools to the silent auction

Deconstruction of cottages prior to renovation, with some cabinets and shelving being repurposed in community spaces and the balance going to Habitat for Humanity (17 pickups since last report worth over \$20,000 at their prices; 2½ year total is \$40,000).

The Woodshop was written up in the Summer 2015 edition of *The Reed*, KaO's newsletter,

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and contributed an article to the *Kendalight* on furnishings available to residents from renovated cottages.

4. Problems? Needs?

There is still some labeling that needs to be done to alert members to where things are now stored. Some items still need to find storage places.

5. Plans for 2016 and future:

- We have established an orientation committee to consider ways to welcome new members to the shop.
- We are expanding an inventory of tools together with an indication of their location.
- We are planning more instructional sessions on use of shop tools; a list of those with experience on particular tools has been posted in the shop.

6. Committee members: List with special assignments as appropriate

Chair: Jim Helm, Vice Chair: Dennis Cook, Secretary: Tin David, Treasurer: Max Morgan,
Purchasing Agent: Jim Sunshine

We took in 8 new members, so our total membership is now 76, with 21 women. Over 20 members are active in the shop.