

Attachment E

FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE 2012

submitted by Elizabeth Yermack

Membership and confidentiality. The Financial Aid Committee is convened by Elizabeth Yermack, and its voting members are Shelley Powsner, Holly Hunnicutt and Joy Close. Ex Officio members are Registrars Annie and Scott Stewart, who receive applications for aid along with the attendance applications, and Treasurer Bill Gimpel and occasional volunteer substitute Bill Tibbs. Tricia Coleman is our Liaison with the Executive Committee. Only the Convener keeps the applications for each year and all of the above mentioned have kept the strictest confidentiality about applicants. Applicants are encouraged on the application for aid of up to 50% of the total, to request only the amount absolutely needed to cover room and board. The fuel per capita surcharge has also been covered the past two years. The purpose of the aid program is to enable old and new shoalers who would otherwise be unable to attend the conference to attend, keeping our community economically diverse, and enabling the All Star 1 conference to fill beds to capacity (as accomplished in numerous phone calls made by Deb Walton one year). A completely full conference benefits the Star Island Corporation.

Record of annual awards. Awards for the past 3 years are:

Year	2012	2011	2010
Amount	\$8,456	\$8,182	\$11,740
# Helped	24	31	44
Indiv. Avg.	\$352	\$264	\$287

It's difficult to predict the amounts needed each year, because it depends on the state of the economy, who and what number of families apply, and the extent to which aid will be needed to fill beds for the conference. We may on occasion slightly vary the amounts awarded from the amount requested, but we have been fortunate in not having to turn anyone away who has requested aid. To avoid the possibility of having to do that, the AS1 Treasurer has budgeted \$12,500 for financial aid for 2013.

Fundraising. Individual conference members have been quite supportive of the Fund. Originally, requests for donations were made by an ad hoc committee consisting of Bill Clegg, Jane Trudeau, Jim Prochaska, Laurie Powsner and Kim Corfman. T Shirts designed by Cookie & Suzanne and sold by Gabrielle Prochaska have been very popular. The Party with a Purpose presented by the Sturkens and the Neon Grandma Party at the Yermacks, the Poker Games, chairs' meeting Flea Market, Donations sent in with applications for admission, sales of DVDs and other gifts have provided a cushion to back up the fund. We are grateful to all of the above mentioned in this report, and to all of you who support our economically diverse community. Respectfully,

Elizabeth Yermack
Convener