

**Helping Hands University Park  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2021**

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Loretta at 5:30.  
Present: Loretta Vitale Saks, Bob Saks, Peggy Smith, Linda Verrill

1. **Review of December 15, 2020 Minutes:** Approved unanimously.

2. **Updates and Planning**

- a. Update: Loretta reported on enrollment in the upcoming Jan. 30 program, Drama of Aging, to be given by Julie Schejbal. So far, about 30 people have signed up and more are expected.
- b. Update: Monthly themes have been planned for the Rt. 1 Corridor Programs through July. Loretta will be submitting articles about the programs to various newsletters.
- c. Planning: Valentine's Day. A decision was made not to distribute bags similar to the ones we did for the holidays.
- d. Planning: The committee brainstormed a possible name change for HHUP. No decision was made.

3. **Services:**

- a. Loretta reported that 32 services were provided to 4 members by 9 volunteers since late November.
- b. An amendment was proposed to the rules of the Temporary Assistance Fund to allow for temporary special needs permitting reimbursement of COVID vaccine-related transportation costs through August 2021. Approved unanimously.

4. **The COVID Vaccine:** Discussion was held on what role the HHUP might have in administering COVID vaccines at possible site in our community. (stats: UP has approx. 560 residents 65+, 211 of them 75 and older)

5. **TAF Fundraising:** The TAF fund currently has a balance of \$8,000. Linda reported on the status of the \$1500 grant application in progress with the county. For fundraising purposes, she is still working with the town treasurer to set up a PayPal account for donations to the TAF. It was suggested and agreed on that we should aim for maintaining a minimum balance of \$10,000 in the fund.

6, The next meeting will be held February 23, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Smith, Secretary