

MINUTES OF HHUP BOARD MEETING APRIL 16, 2019

Present: Loretta Vitale Saks, Linda Verrill, Sabrina Meyers, Ned Goldberg, Bob Saks

Review of Minutes: Loretta reviewed the agenda and added a slot for discussion of the temporary assistance fund; also added was discussion of coverage during the time in May-June she (and Bob) will be away; also added was update on the membership committee, and lastly the schedule of future meetings and events. The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for review. They will be emailed for review and approval.

Review of Strategic Plan: Linda shared our original draft mission statement and strategic framework, developed by a small group in collaboration with a U of MD research faculty member and her students. Loretta suggested that we revise our statement to have language that also reflects our desire to engage people actively, not only "help" them. She mentioned that some people have seemed resistant to joining HHUP, and it's unclear why that is. We discussed how to make clearer that we want them to be engaged with Helping Hands, not just on our roster, for example by asking "*Do you want to be part of Helping Hands?*" The draft framework was also discussed and some alternative language was suggested, ie "referral to services."

Adding new people to the board: Loretta proposed adding several people to the board, so that the work is shared among more people. Some possible board members were discussed. Loretta will approach them and invite them to our June meeting.

We discussed having an annual meeting with refreshments, as a way to involve others, especially members and volunteers. October would be a good month for this. This should be on the agenda of the next meeting.

June 29 Pride Month program: We're one of four main sponsoring organizations (Cheverly Village, HAP, HHUP and Neighbors Helping Neighbors - College Park (NHN-CP)). The program will be at the Old Parish House in College Park. Dr. Evelyn Torton Beck has agreed to be the keynote speaker, part of the Gay Men's Chorus may participate, and we may have a celebratory drumming circle led by Katy Gaughan. The total anticipated budget for the event is \$1,200. The board approved an allocation of \$300 from HHUP for this event.

Activities Committee Update: The Scam and Fraud Prevention program is scheduled for May 11, co-sponsored with Dave Brosch. Sabrina will check with Dave Brosch about the possibility of refreshments. Publicity was then discussed. A flyer can be prepared for the town newsletter for later programs, such as the Pride event on June 29; it's too late to add that kind of publicity for earlier events. Linda suggested we put our events on the Calendar in the UP Newsletter and on

our website. Loretta will email Bridget to ask whether this is possible. Sabrina will ask Andrea whether our events can go on the town website's calendar.

Other Business:

The Temporary Assistance Fund (TAF) - Bob will speak with a current possible beneficiary and clarify her needs and how to have her paperwork for additional benefits taken care of. Bob made a motion to allocate \$500 for Meals on Wheels for this resident, to be taken from our current budget. After some discussion, this passed 3-1-1. Linda is submitting the Policies and Procedures for TAF and the TAF application (drafts) to Suellen for review. Once approved by her and then by our committee, the Town Council will have to vote on this.

May 11 - June 5 : Ned and Sabrina will cover in Loretta's absence.

Membership committee: Loretta and Mary Love are visiting all new members to let them know about HHUP and to offer a friendly welcome.

Schedule: There will be no May board meeting. All following months, our regular meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Saks
Secretary