

## HELPING HANDS UNIVERSITY PARK BOARD ZOOM MEETING

MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2020

PRESENT: Loretta Vitale Saks, Linda Verrill, Bob Saks, Leslie Jenkins; Guests: Peggy Smith, Jason Taliaferro

The meeting was conducted via Zoom due to covid-19 isolation requirements.

The Board members and visitors present introduced themselves. Loretta, with input from Linda and Leslie, spoke about the history and activities of HHUP so the visitors would be better able to understand and participate in the meeting.

APRIL MINUTES: Approved

UPDATE SINCE LAST MEETING: Loretta spoke about activities since Jan 1. We have had 120 service requests from 24 different people. We co-sponsored a UP Poetry Open Mike with Gerry Hendershot and Deborah Rosenfelt. Volunteers have been making calls to isolated seniors as well as some visits (staying outside the home). She gave an update on a planned Georgetown Village fundraiser featuring Madeleine Albright. If any University Park people purchase \$100 tickets, HHUP will receive \$25/ticket.

Leslie gave an update on a conversation she had with Dr. Moshen who was offering to serve our elderly members through tele-med and office visits. Board members felt we should be cautious about recommending one provider over another. Though Leslie had a positive impression of Dr. Moshen the Board agreed that a consultation about this with Suellen Ferguson, town attorney, was in order.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FUND - General budget expenses have been moderate. There is an issue that involves the TAF and how to handle donations to it. Suellen and Dan will need to meet to clarify that. A new Town fiscal year begins June 1 - in preparation for that Linda will work on clarifying the different terms used in our budget and in the Town budget for the same categories. Linda reviewed our projected budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

NEXT MEETING - We'll next meet on June 23.

LOCAL URGENT CARE CENTERS - Leslie will gather some data for us on local urgent care centers, so we have clarity on what various centers can provide if Suellen Ferguson indicates we can refer people to a particular tele-med doctor.

IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES - We might offer training in the use of Zoom for our members. We could also offer various crafts groups online as well as meditation, online games, Yoga perhaps in partnership with Numi in College Park. Leslie will discuss this with the owner of Numi.

Susanna had suggested having a group of volunteer greeters going from house to house to brighten the day of HHUP seniors.

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS - Loretta is wondering if we should do another volunteer online training. She and Peggy will meet over Zoom to discuss further.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Robert Saks, secretary