

HELPING HANDS UNIVERSITY PARK
Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Loretta at 5:35 P.M.
Present: Loretta Vitale Saks, Bob Saks, Peggy Smith, Linda Verrill
Excused: Leslie Jenkins

Item 1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 21, 2020 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Item 2. Updates (Loretta)

- a. HHUP and HAP co-sponsored a Zoom lecture by Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio on COVID-19. It was attended by 96 people, including from UP, Lanham, Greenbelt, Hyattsville and College Park. Loretta will be posting the video to the HHUP website.
- b. The PGCMLS, with county government officials and other organizations, holds an ongoing virtual program to explore resources in the county. Called Community Conversation with Roberta Phillips, CEO, the program will host an hour featuring different village models for senior support, such as HHUP and Hyattsville Aging in Place, Greenbelt and Cheverly programs, etc. sometime in September or October. More specific information to follow.
- c. HHUP Service summary: In the past month 43 services were provided to 11 members by 7 volunteers, slightly ahead of last year. Note: totals may not include services provided through direct member to volunteer requests.

Item 3. Town Council (Linda)

- a. Linda gave a Treasurer's budget report.
- b. Linda opened a discussion about expanding the committee by 3 more members. She and Peg will draft an email soliciting volunteers.

Item 4. Guest: Molly MacLaren, UPES PTA

Ms. MacLaren is touching base with other organizations to offer opportunities for those outside the normal school system to volunteer. She briefed the committee on her ideas for using volunteers to provide support to UPES students. Some of her tentative (virtual) projects are Book Buddies (reading with a child), Book Clubs (by age group), a Tutoring Club, and Special Event Nights (karaoke, trivia night, etc.) The committee agreed to discuss further how HHUP might participate.

5. Other Business

Review of the proposed Bylaws for HHUP was postponed until the September meeting.

Item 6: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Smith, Secretary