

Helping Hands UP
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Linda at 5:31 pm

Present: Linda Verrill, Mary Gathercole, Debby Rosenfelt, Ed Shenassa, Peggy Smith

Guest: Carol Bourne

1. May meeting minutes: Spelling of name corrected, unanimously approved

2. Administrative

a. Member services: Few members are requesting services, primarily one member using rides. On volunteer, Ned Goldberg is providing (and reporting) services via direct contact with member

b. Gaggle Listserve Updates: Linda reported that we have begun a paid subscription to allow for archiving (\$99.00/year)

c. New HHUP Web Master: Linda reported that the new volunteer web master Casey Kelb is now working on the HHUP web site.

d. Spring Newsletter: Peg has begun an outline of topics for the newsletter, will prepare a first draft and share via email to all committee members for feedback. Printing will be done at the UP town office. The committee confirmed that the newsletter will be sent via USPS: stamps, envelopes to be paid for from the HH budget. Peg volunteered to stuff and send.

e. Ideas for recruiting new members: A brief discussion was held about needing new members on the committee. Discussion to be continued at future meetings.

f. Tasks associated with chairing HHUP: Linda presented a list of duties currently being done by the committee chair. She will share the list via email to all committee members and has requested feedback, suggestions, volunteers, etc. to redistribute the responsibilities more evenly across the committee.

3. Recent and Upcoming Events

a. Potential 2023 Activities

i. Edmond checking with Hyattsville Aging in Place: ongoing

ii. Edmond contacted Jane Hirschberg about a Sunday concert/reception at The Clarice, Event schedule is now available. Debbie and Edward will look at possible dates (perhaps in August), continue coordinating details with Jane, and report to the committee.

iii. Fall Party planning will start in July (Linda volunteered her home)

b. Lunch Club : June - Riviera Tapas has a beautiful new location and the trout was great. July location will be Olive Garden.

c. Corridor Conversations (HHUP cohosts): ongoing.

d. Conversational Spanish – Ongoing (intermediate+ level)

4. Budget

a. Linda has submitted the request to bookkeeper Judy Andino to send \$250 to T. Carter Ross of Corridor Conversations per last month's committee approval.

b. On 6/27 Linda reported on a meeting with UP Treasurer Dan Baden and a representative from the Prince George's County Budget Office about the level of service that the town provides to our senior population through the HHUP programs.

5. Other Business: Deborah suggested ideas for volunteer recognition – discussion will continue during party planning at July meeting.

6. Next meeting – July 26, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Smith, Secretary