

Helping Hands UP
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2023

The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by Linda at 5:35
Present: Linda Verrill, Mary Gathercole, Debby Rosenfelt, Ed Shenassa, Peggy Smith
Guests: Angela Lawrence, interim town administrator, Carol Bourne

Prior to beginning the agenda, introductions were made all around to welcome Angela Lawrence, University Park interim Town Administrator. Angela has reviewed the HHUP website and reports that she is working on a new Residents' Guide and will keep the committee advised.

1. Review of June 28, 2023: approved

2. Administrative

a. Member Services: Requests are infrequent. We have one member regularly using rides. Three volunteer drivers (out of 15 registered) are responding to ride requests. All registered drivers will be sent an email (Linda) to update roster.

b. Spring Newsletter: First draft was reviewed, and minor edits suggested. A final version will be shared to committee via email, copies printed (by Up Town office?) and then Peggy will handle mailing.

c. Ideas for recruiting new members: Committee members discussed the stigma associated with accepting help and how it affects our membership. Edmond suggested the committee consider a name change to "Joining Hands", which will be discussed at future meetings.

d. Tasks associated with chairing HHUP -Linda shared a list of jobs associated with the office of chairperson. Committee members will contact her directly with ideas for reducing the workload e.g., volunteer to take on task(s), suggest removal of tasks, etc.

3. Recent and Upcoming Events

a. Potential 2023 Activities

i. Concerts, etc.: Debbie and Edmond reported on research and communications with Clarice. More to report after the Fall schedule is available. Ed has been communicating with Corridor Conversations, which has some interesting upcoming programs, and is checking with Goddard for possible ideas from there. Discussion was held on need for more social activity, including a suggestion for day trips via carpool. Debbie and Ed volunteered to research ideas.

ii. Fall Party planning: Linda reported on organization plans. The committee decided on Sunday Oct 15, 4-6:30 pm, at Linda's house. Entertainment and food specifics to be finalized later. The committee concurred with Debbie's suggestion that volunteer recognition be a part of the festivities, specifically naming a "Volunteer of the Year".

b. July Lunch Club Recap (Olive Garden) – very well attended, and the restaurant did a great job. The August location will be Denny's.

4. Budget: no expenditures or change to assets to report.

5. Other Business – None

7. The next meeting will be held August 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Smith, Secretary