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MONTHLY PROGRAM

Date: June 1, 2021, 9:30-10:30am

Place: HASP Virtual Classroom, hope.edu/virtualhasp

Program: HASP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Barbara Stegink, Brad Bright, Kim Mendels

We will hold our HASP Annual Business Meeting online again this June. Although we continue to miss gathering in person we still have much to celebrate as we review the success of HASP programs this past year as well as our retiring and incoming officers and committee members. President Barbara Stegink, Vice President Brad Bright, and Director Kim Mendels will be coming to you live from the HASP office using Zoom webinar. A link to join the meeting will be sent to all members via Constant Contact.

Special thanks to retiring HASP Board of Director members: Paul Heusinkveld, Maura Reynolds, Carla Ver Schure, Debra Williamson, and Judie Zylman for their faithful and committed service.

We encourage you to read the annual reports provided in this newsletter. A week prior to the meeting you will receive an email with information on how to cast your vote for the slate of new officers, type in any questions you would like us to address in the meeting, and order a copy of the 2021 HASP Review. The Review will also be available online. Kim Mendels will provide her annual director's report, we will remember HASP members we have lost this year, thank outgoing officers for their service, and recognize a special member with the HASP Distinguished Service Award!



This has been a challenging year to say the least. Many of us have experienced great losses amidst the pandemic and life looks different on many levels. The importance of finding things to celebrate is more important than ever. We hope you will join us for this annual event in order to be informed and connected to one another, and to the strong programs that many members have worked so hard to provide for all of us this past year.

Since its beginning in 1988, the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, in the words of our founder Dr. John Hollenbach, has aimed to "foster good listening, learning, reading, sharing and the pleasure of discussion" for a growing and loyal membership. Not even a global pandemic has stopped us from accomplishing our mission.

We continue to live in HOPE, grateful for each other and for the community of HASP and Hope College. "See" you soon!

MONTHLY PROGRAM Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, claudia@olwenberry.com, 616.399.2538

Upcoming monthly programs:

July 6, 2021, **Pandemic and Public Health**, Roger Trinh, Masters in Public Health

August 3, 2021, **Food Club and Opportunity Hub**, Scott Rumpsa, Executive Director, CAH

MEMBERSHIP Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, verschure@sbcglobal.net, 616.392.5666

Annual membership dues/renewal will be online again this year and the information and link will be sent to you the week of June 14, 2021. Dues will remain \$100 per member for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Please watch your email for the renewal link and **PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM WHETHER YOU ARE RENEWING OR CANCELING YOUR HASP MEMBERSHIP!**

As the end of the HASP fiscal year approaches, any membership applications received before June 10, will be held in the HASP office. These will then be processed and new members will be introduced at the July monthly meeting. New members are not recognized at the June Annual Business Meeting.

While we are working remotely, please contact Susan Timmer, timmer@hope.edu, for membership assistance or questions.

CURRICULUM Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com, 616.335.3132

Registration for Summer 2021 will begin at 8 am on June 2nd. HASP members have a choice of 31 Zoom courses and nine off-site class opportunities. The off-site courses will have limited enrollment and will follow all COVID-19 precautions required by Hope College and the HASP Board. HASP members will be responsible for their own transportation to each off-site class location. Details are included in the course catalog and will be included in the HASP Weekly Happenings email reminder. Enjoy your summer learning opportunities!

We are excitedly anticipating a return to the HASP classroom in the fall. Soon the COVID-19 Task Force, in consultation with Hope College and the HASP Board, will make the final determination related to our return, including any class-size limitations or other issues related to COVID-19 concerns. The sub-committees are planning with the intention that most of our fall courses will be taught in the classroom. However, we anticipate continuing to offer some Zoom courses by presenters outside of the Holland area and by those who prefer to teach via Zoom. We are also gearing up to offer a hybrid combination of courses that are available on Zoom and in-person. Additional equipment will be purchased by HASP to support this option and we hope to provide some in-classroom tech support with a student employee/intern. As much as we all love being in the classroom together, we know that may not be a possibility for members with limited mobility or those who spend a part of the year away from Holland. By continuing to offer some courses over Zoom or a hybrid combination, all our members will have increased access to many outstanding courses.

If you would like to become an active participant in bringing courses to our HASP membership, we'd love to have you teach a course, submit a proposal or course idea, or join one of the curriculum sub-committees. Please contact the chair of the sub-committee that most interests you to explore these options. Working together with other HASP members to bring stimulating courses to our membership is a fun and fulfilling opportunity. Serving on a sub-committee is a great way to get to know other members.

All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!

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Humanities Judy Parr, parr.judyandbill@gmail.com, 616.546.3424

Science, Medicine, & Technology (co-chair) Bruce Basset, basset-bruce@sbcglobal.net 847.542.7449

Science, Medicine, & Technology (co-chair) Susan Couch, couchsm@gmail.com 616.399.1491

Social Sciences Mike Economos, mikeeconomos@gmail.com 269.857.1248

HASP YouTube channel

Winter/Summer 2021 courses are now available on the HASP YouTube channel. Please note that not all courses are available for online viewing due to copyrighted material or at the request of the presenter.

Winter/Spring 2021

Link: [Winter/Spring 2021](#)

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjwXVsPKH6Tnfgflrj1OY-I>

Monthly Programs:

Link: [Monthly Programs](#)

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHtyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs>

SERVICE Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, mreynolds@hope.edu, 616.392.2874



To report that this year has been challenging is quite the understatement! Thanks to all for your service—through HASP and through the quiet ways you offered support and care to others.

SPECIAL EVENTS Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, jazie3@gmail.com, 616.566.0412

Are you ready to board the comfy Hope Bus? This is the big question asked by the Special Events Team as we plan, postpone, re-plan, reschedule, and transfer our deposits from 2020 to 2021 and now 2022. Oh my, we have tried and keep trying to give you the opportunity to enjoy the learning experience and fellowship with other of our HASP friends.

Of course, the purpose of all of these efforts is to keep us safe and healthy. Covid protocols will be re-evaluated around May 24, the result of which may present some new options to be together again. In the meantime to protect ourselves and our family and friends, we can simply be vaccinated and follow the suggested protocols from the college and the state.

Registration Open: *Fish Boil at Cherry Point Farm*

Date: July 15, 2021

Time: Fish Boil Starts at 6pm, arrive earlier for garden walk/bakery shop

Cost: \$35

Registration Deadline: June 7



Shake off those COVID-19 blues and join us for a picnic at Cherry Point Farm & Market near Silver Lake, Michigan. This event offers a trifecta of treats including an outdoor Fish Boil dinner, walk in the Lavender & Herb Garden, and chance to pick up homemade bakery goods including famous cherry strudel. Gather 'round the fire for a Great Lakes tradition. Whitefish is boiled with potatoes, onions and seasoning in a large kettle. The highlight of the boiling process is the "boil over", where a pint of kerosene is thrown onto the fire, sending flames skyward. This flash of heat causes the water in the kettle to boil over the sides, taking with it oil drawn out of the



fish which accumulates on the surface, leaving a healthy meal which includes lemonade, cole slaw, garlic toast, cherry pie and ice cream. You may bring your own beverage of choice.

The boil master is very entertaining, and you will enjoy the flare up and learn about the history of fish boils and more. It's a true dining experience that you probably won't have outside of Door County, WI. You may also enjoy the lavender and herb garden labyrinth walk before the picnic and shop for pastries.

We will follow the recommended safety protocols at the time of this event, but since it is an outside event, it is likely to be reminiscent of pre-covid times! Due to current Covid restrictions, you will need to travel by personal car or carpool. Travelers are advised to stop at the Rothbury Rest Area (US 31-31 NB mile marker 135) since only porta-potties are available. To register, please go to: [Fish Boil](#) or <https://forms.gle/DdmBWJb5HJnF6wYt6>. Please register soon, as the event is filling quickly! Questions? Contact Chet Pawlak, tel. 616-610-6324 or Email: pawlakcj@gmail.com

Save The Date:

Bus trip to Abraham Lincoln historic sites, Springfield, IL: September 27-29, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

The 2021 HASP Review is complete –once again, even during a pandemic! Many THANKS to HASP members **Dave Schmitt, Jan Gebben, and Susan Miller** for their time and commitment to this project, and to **Diann Taylor** for her wonderful cover art. We are also grateful to each member who contributed their writing and art to this issue –THANK YOU! The 2021 Review will be made available online with printed copies sent to each member who contributed. Additional printed copies by request. Watch your email for further information on how to order.

OFFICE & DIRECTOR NEWS HASP Director: Kim Mendels, mendels@hope.edu, 616.335.0627
Program Coordinator: Susan Timmer, timmer@hope.edu, 616.414.2561

Summer Office and Work Hours:

We will continue to work primarily remote with availability Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Reminder that in the summer ***HASP is closed on Fridays*** and staff are not available and will reply to emails on Monday. This allows us to take a break from the computer and focus on our families. Please plan ahead if you need office assistance. If your request is of an urgent nature and requires immediate attention, please contact HASP Director, Kim Mendels on her cell phone, 616.335.0627

Take note! Time for a few in-person visitors...

The HASP office and library will be open on **WEDNESDAYS**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning **June 2nd** for the summer (unless otherwise noted in your weekly updates). This will allow us to provide some in-person assistance when needed as well as a chance for members to use our beautiful library. Please note that our capacity is limited to 6 members at a time in the lobby/library area at the writing of this announcement.

ANNUAL REPORTS for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

HASP President - Barbara Stegink

It is not news to any of us that this past year has been one of challenges in a variety of ways. The impact of COVID-19 reached far and wide into our lives, including HASP programs and activities. However, looking back over the year, we have much to celebrate.

Even though our annual membership renewals were down, we continued to welcome new members throughout the year. Monthly meetings and curriculum classes were held on Zoom; registration and attendance increased as the year progressed. Both monthly meetings and classes held on Zoom allowed us to have speakers and presenters from several locations, many from across the country. Our service opportunities, especially the ones with Hope College students, continued to attract HASP members. Our social activities which are planned by our Special Events committee were unfortunately negatively impacted by the restrictions and protocols during the pandemic. However, this creative committee put together several trivia game nights which were welcomed by our members especially during the winter months. Under the exceptional leadership of HASP Director Kim Mendels and with assistance from our new Program Coordinator Susan Timmer, we were able to not only survive the last 12 months, but to continue and excel together in our journey of lifelong learning.

The HASP Board made several important decisions and accomplishments throughout the year.

- A COVID-19 *ad hoc* Committee of the Board was appointed in June '20 to review updates and guidelines from the CDC, the State and County Health Departments, and Hope College and then to make recommendations for HASP programs. Thank you to Scott Travis, Executive Director of Alumni and Engagement for his continued support of HASP in this regard.
- HASP Operational Guidelines were reviewed and edited to conform with new titles of staff and policies that were changed since our alignment with Hope College in 2018.
- A Continuing Education and Professional Development Plan for HASP employees was approved by the Board in March 2021. The purpose of the plan is to provide employees with educational and professional development opportunities. Funding of the plan will be included in HASP annual budget and will be administered by the HASP Personnel Committee.
- A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DEI) consisting of Board members was appointed in November 2020. Its purpose is to address DEI issues relative to HASP as a life-long learning organization. The first step taken was an introspective look, specifically a review of all organizational documents for inclusive language. This was followed by a decision to intentionally include diverse subjects and presenters in curriculum classes, monthly programs, and other HASP activities. DEI was chosen by the Curriculum Committee as a focus subject for the Winter/Spring 2021 term and the January monthly meeting prefaced the term with a relevant presentation by Fred Johnson. Beginning late summer and into the fall of 2021, Board members will participate in "GROW on the GO," a curriculum-based, group dialogue program on topics of anti-racism, white privilege, and related issues. This will be done in partnership with staff and volunteers of Hope College's Center for Diversity.
- In March 2021, the Board passed a 2022 proposed budget for \$139,000 anticipating that in the fall we will be able to return to the Miller auditorium for monthly meetings, Anderson-Werkman for classes and meetings, and the return of social activities.

On behalf of the HASP, I would like to thank the following for their service on the Board this past year: Brad Bright, Vice-President, Don Cowie, Treasurer; **Retiring Members-at Large, Paul Heusinkveld and Debra Williamson**; Continuing Members-at-Large, David Blatt (2022), Susan Couch (2023), Ron Gerow (2022), and Diana Nelson (2023); Retiring Committee Chairs, Maura Reynolds (Service), Carla VerSchure (Membership) and Judie Zylman (Special Events); Continuing Committee Chairs, Sharon Arendshorst (Curriculum), Claudia Berry (Monthly Program); our Hope College Liaisons Josh Bishop and Fred Johnson; and *Ex officio* member Scott Travis, Executive Director of Alumni and Engagement.

Treasurer's Report - Don Cowie

The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on HASP activities has clearly affected the usual cash flow and financial results this year. Nevertheless, HASP continues to maintain a strong cash position as the management staff and Board of Directors have been diligent in controlling expenses resulting in partial offset to downturns in membership dues and class enrollment revenue. It is expected that the year-end results will contribute a surplus of income over expenses of approximately \$15,000 resulting in a cash account balance in excess of \$75,000.

The schedule following this report is a detailed income statement including actual results through April and the forecast for the full fiscal year which ends June 30, 2021. Comparative data for the current year budget and previous year is included for reference purposes. All revenue sources have been impacted by the prolonged period of restricted activities this year. Expenses normally associated with on-site activities as well as certain administrative cost controls have provided some offset. A few details:

- Annual income from all revenue sources is expected to be below both budget and 2020 actual:
 - Membership dues are 10% below budget and 12% below last year.
 - Mini-course receipts are 17% below budget and 31% lower than last year.
 - As no Special Event outings took place during the year, the budgeted \$2,000 contribution to administrative cost support was not realized.
- Annual total expenses are expected to be below budget by 27% and last year by 9%.
- Based on the expected annual revenue and expense results, a cash balance of approximately \$77,000 from fiscal year 2021 activities is expected at year-end.
- The budget for the fiscal year 2022 has been set at a breakeven income level and is also included in this report. A few key budget assumptions and comments follow:
 - Assumes a resumption of at least partial in-person class activities starting in the fall term.
 - Provides for a recently approved Continuing Education and Professional Development Fund for support of the HASP professional staff.
 - Includes provision for salary increases which will be modified after receiving compensation guidance from Hope College.

It is expected that some minor account shifts may occur once better payroll guidance is provided, but the bottom line breakeven will be maintained in any case.

The HASP Facilities Endowment Fund, which is held at Hope College, is intended to provide for future HASP space requirements. A Hope draw of 4.5% of the fund balance is taken to cover classroom maintenance, office space, and other Hope College facilities usage. The now completed HASP office and classroom expansion which cost a total of \$401,402 (\$48,598 under budget) was funded from this account. The fund balance as of March 31, 2021, was \$445,207 including donations of \$230,219 to the project fund. We will have a more complete accounting and analysis of the fund activity after the close of the fiscal year. HASP also continues to maintain two scholarship funds with Hope. One fund provides a scholarship award to a Hope upperclassman and the other to an incoming freshman. The balances of the two accounts as of March 31, 2021 were \$66,792

and \$66,750 respectively. Subsequent to the March 31, 2021 fund valuation, a generous gift was received from the estate of **Dave and Julia Marckini** designated for inclusion in the Scholarship Funds. Donations to the HASP Facility Endowment and Scholarship funds are always welcome and much appreciated. Please contact Director Kim Mendels, for further information on estate, memorial, or annual gifts.

HASP Income Statement-Fiscal Year 2021

	2021			2020	2022
	Budget Annual	Actual April YTD	Forecast Annual	Actual Annual	Annual Budget
Income					
Membership Dues	85,000	76,150	76,150	86,750	81,000
Mini-course Receipts	50,000	39,470	41,470	59,826	56,000
Other	2,000	-	-	11,345	2,000
Total	137,000	115,620	117,620	157,921	139,000
Expenses					
Student Employee	3,000	-	-	1,515	1,500
HASP Review	1,500	15	1,500	491	1,000
Spring Fling	400	-	-	-	250
Curriculum Training	-	-	-	-	250
Communications	600	588	588	688	600
New Member Orientation	700	-	-	313	600
Monthly Program	1,500	600	850	743	1,500
Mini-course Expenses	10,000	4,350	6,017	5,717	8,000
Salaries - Office Assistant	24,700	17,977	22,094	17,959	25,441
Salaries - Other	47,320	39,883	47,859	44,903	48,739
Payroll Expense	13,953	8,655	10,395	11,182	14,372
Professional Development	-	-	-	-	7,500
Rent	1,000	-	-	-	-
Hospitality & Coffee	2,500	54	54	2,131	2,200
Postage & Delivery	6,000	3,441	4,441	5,047	5,500
Copy costs	6,000	1,777	2,777	3,632	3,800
Monthly Meeting	8,657	-	-	11,762	8,657
Supplies	2,400	802	1,202	2,226	2,250
Equipment Expense	165	1,190	1,190	558	1,000
Dues & Subscriptions	200	-	-	45	200
Gifts & Recognitions	1,000	485	485	772	500
Annual Luncheon Expense	3,400	85	585	-	3,400
Board Lunch Expense	775	-	-	522	700
Service Grants	1,200	-	200	400	1,000
Other	30	67	67	115	41
Total	137,000	79,968	100,302	110,721	139,000
Net Income	0	35,652	17,318	47,200	0

Monthly Program - Claudia Berry

The monthly program meetings continue to be a successful way to engage members in a larger group setting and to offer interesting programs. Beginning with July 7, 2020 and continuing today all monthly programs have been presented on Zoom using the HASP virtual classroom. This has proved to be successful in connecting with members and the average participation rate per program is 145 participants. Last year the lowest attendance was the August 2020, and the highest attendance was the January 2021 program.

Monthly Programs presented in 2020-2019

This year the program topics addressed mental health, the environment, arts and music, history, aging and civil discourse. All monthly programs were presented online.

- June 16, 2020 – HASP Annual Business Meeting
- July 7, 2020 – Better Angels – Donna Murphy
- August 4, 2020 – Inside the Future of Aging – David Knibbe
- September 8, 2020 – Climate Change: A Moral Issue – Travis Williams
- October 8, 2020 – Sleeping Bear Dunes 50th Anniversary – Scott Tucker
- November 3, 2020 – How Michigan Women Got the Vote in 1918 -Katelyn VerMerris
- December 1, 2020 - Christmas Music from Hope Church – Rhonda Edgington
- January 5, 2021 – America’s Tortured Soul – Fred Johnson
- February 2, 2021 – Christian Privilege- What It is & How to Use It for Good – Christopher Lubbers
- March 2, 20121 - The Way Out- The Opioid Crisis – David Teater
- April 6, 2021 – Art History and Why It Matters – Heidi Kraus
- May 4, 2021 – Boerigter Center Hope College – Shonn Colbrunn
- June 1,2021 – HASP Annual Meeting

Membership - Carla VerSchure

As we conclude the 2020-2021 fiscal year, HASP membership stands at 774, of which 25 are lifetime/honorary members. Last summer 153 members chose not to renew their membership for reasons including medical/health, moving out of the area, family responsibilities, other life priorities, and Covid restrictions requiring virtual meetings. Also, during the past year 16 of our members passed away. In spite of the lack of in-person meetings and classes, we acknowledged 25 guests at our monthly meetings, and 27 new and reinstated members were welcomed. We were unable to hold New Member Orientation meetings this year, but all new members will be invited to such a session as soon as allowed.

With this year drawing to a close, I would like to thank all the members of the committee: Shae Kobs, **Joe Koziol**, **Ann Siakel**, **Doug Walvoord**, and Robin Williams-Voight; as well as Barbara Stegink and Brad Bright who serve as ex-officio members. I would like to give special thanks to Joe, Ann, and Doug who are concluding their terms. Joe coordinated the New Member Orientations for three years and implemented the much appreciated practice of having greeters at the doors for our monthly meetings. Ann used her organizational skills to provide information to all new members and their mentors, as well as faithfully offering greetings to new members at the welcome desk each month. Doug made everyone feel welcome by answering questions, greeting arriving members, and assisting wherever needed at monthly meetings. Their presence will be missed, but we look forward to very capable people fulfilling those roles in the coming year.

In memoriam we would like to honor the HASP members we have lost this year:

Fredric Kelley-June 21, 2020
George Zuidema-July 6, 2020
William Cohen-September 7, 2020
James Strickland-October 16, 2020
Robert Palma-October 17, 2020
Gordon Van Wylen-November 5, 2020
Barbara Mast-November 7, 2020
Alan Kindig-November 12, 2020
George Magee-October 30, 2020
Maxine DeBruyn-December 9, 2020
Constance Boersma-January 2, 2021
Russell Foy-December 15, 2020
Louis Hallacy-January 7, 2021
Jodi Syens-February 5, 2021
Bruce Ellis-February 17, 2021
Ione Trap-February 24, 2021

Curriculum- Sharon Arendshorst

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Michigan, all HASP classes remaining in the Winter/Spring term 2020 were canceled mid March-May. The Curriculum Committee quickly adapted to this disruption by daring to push our membership to new levels. The Summer term challenged us to learn new technologies to access all our courses online! Kim and Susan taught us to navigate this strange new world by offering tutorials in Zoom and serving as hosts for all our Zoom courses. To entice us to enter this new learning territory, all the Summer term courses were free to HASP members. We learned by doing. We met dogs and cats, read titles on bookshelves behind presenters, and sometimes saw fellow members eating their breakfasts or doing stretching exercises. We finally learned to mute and unmute and how to join without video. We even learned to chat without making a sound. With good humor, patience, and understanding, we grew in competency and were able to be together to learn via Zoom.

As the year progressed, the curriculum sub-committees found excellent presenters willing to offer classes from their homes or offices. We offered a wide range of topics and included two special interdisciplinary focus areas. In the Fall we explored the broad topic of sustainability across disciplines. During the Winter/Spring term we engaged the complexities of diversity, equity, and inclusion. At the conclusion of each term, the recorded courses were uploaded to the HASP YouTube channel for all HASP members to access.

During the 2020-2021 academic year we offered 106 courses over 149 sessions:

Summer 2020: 15 courses, 25 sessions, no registration, 947 total number of class attendances

Fall 2020: 56 courses, 79 sessions, 448 members registered, 3,218 total number of class attendances

Winter/Spring 2021: 45 courses, 82 sessions, 436 members registered, 3,007 number of class attendances

Course proposals are developed or received by four sub-committees, each composed of 10-15 HASP members: Fine Arts; Humanities; Science, Medicine and Technology; and Social Sciences. Members of these sub-committees serve one or two three-year terms. We are grateful to each person serving in this capacity. Special thanks go to those members of our sub-committees who are completing their terms of service. Thank you for giving of your time and expertise:

Fine Arts: **Marty Evert** (6 years), **Al VerSchure** (6 years), **Nancy Lausch** (2 years)

Humanities: **David Brower** (7 years)

Science, Medicine, and Technology: **Teresa Ellis** (3 years)

Social Sciences: **Connie Corrveau** (6 years), **Brad Bright** (3 years)

I also wish to acknowledge the following members who will be retiring as chairs of their respective sub-committees and from the Curriculum Committee: **Judy Parr**, Humanities; **Mike Economos**, Social Sciences; and **Bruce Bassett**, Science, Medicine and Technology. Thank you for your excellent leadership and for your willingness to continue to serve on your sub-committees.

The sub-committees welcome the following new members:

Fine Arts: Clay Stauffer, Andree Keneau, Gloria Schurman

Humanities: Douglas Brouwer, Lorelle Eberly, Joyce Kortman, Jeanne Nyhuis

Science, Medicine, and Technology: Tom Wolff

Social Sciences: Rick Gorczynski, Jan Dalman, Joyce Elferdink, Helen Klein

The Curriculum Committee held a Zoom training for all members of the sub-committees in September 2020. We continue to streamline the proposal to catalog and editing processes. This year's efforts included working with Susan Timmer to update the course proposal form. After a trial use in preparing for the summer courses, we now have an updated, easy-to-read proposal form on the HASP website. Thank you, Susan, for all your work in seeing this through many versions to completion. HASP members may access this easy-to-use form, click the grey boxes to fill in the information, and submit a course proposal to the appropriate sub-committee chair.

The Curriculum Committee wishes to thank Kim and Susan for their tireless work on behalf of HASP and the enormous support they provided during this past year of on-line learning. They both took on many additional responsibilities to enable us to Zoom our courses and to develop best practices during this challenging year.

Service - Maura Reynolds

Committee Members: Barbara Bright, Linda Fairbanks, Terri Holden, Ruby Kickert, Maura Reynolds (chair), Cheryl Swieringa, Elliot Tanis, David Tapley

Volunteering with Hope College

- During the fall 2020 semester, the Service Committee received requests for HASP volunteers from Hope faculty teaching education, Mandarin Chinese, Heritage Spanish, First Year Seminar, accounting, nursing, psychology, and communication. HASP members were able to fill all but one request, and many volunteered for more than one opportunity. 60 volunteer slots were filled.
- 50 CASA students and their Hope College tutors received notes of encouragement and appreciation from more than 30 HASP members.
- Two members of the Service Committee (Barbara Bright and Terri Holden) filled gift bags with candy for Hope's 24 academic departments and 7 campus offices who have been especially helpful to HASP. Included was a note thanking them for their assistance.

- Four HASP members created a simulation to use in a senior nursing class at Hope. First offered last year, the role play was performed again this semester.
- During spring 2021 semester, HASP volunteers served as experts on aging in two developmental psychology classes. 24 slots were filled. Two HASP members also spoke to students in an introductory communication class about their personal and professional experiences involving communication.
- Several HASP members wrote notes of appreciation and support to Holland Public School teachers, in response to Superintendent Brian Davis' suggestion during his HASP class. HASP supplied note cards and stamps.

Volunteering in the Community

- Having received both doses of a Covid vaccine, four HASP members helped low-income clients of Community Action House file their taxes, saving these families \$300 or more.
- Because of Covid restrictions, the Reading is Fun (Baggie Books) did not meet with young students, and HASP members did not serve as Tulip Time trolley guides.
- Although Windmill Island and the Holland Museum requested HASP volunteers, we were not able to meet their needs.

Special Events - Judie Zylman

The HASP Special Events Committee works to provide social and educational experiences monthly for members of HASP. Committee members are: Sue Bohlander, Anita Brooks, Alyce Doss, **Hugh Ivany**, Sue Ladd, Larry Lynn, **Charlotte McKenzie**, **Milton Nieuwsma**, Chet Pawlet, Lois Veenstra, Mary Voss and **Judie Zylman**. We are grateful for the services of Char, Hugh, Milt and Judie who are now retired from the Committee. Marc Baer, Cheryl Hulst and Jacquie Sewell will begin their 3 year term in July 2021.

July 2020 through June 2021 was a most challenging year for Special Events. Covid restrictions prevented us from gathering in person. All the hopeful planning that was already in place had to be cancelled or postponed. Fortunately the events we could postpone, retained our deposits and deposits for cancelled events were returned.

In place of in person events the committee creatively held Zoom Trivia Nights in October, December, February and March. It was good to see our HASP friends, and enjoy small group teams in fun competition and even accomplish some learning about the history and celebrations of many holidays happening during those months.

It has been a pleasure to serve these last 8 years and as Chair the past two. I will miss the planning, but truly look forward to traveling and learning through the future trips when we can safely be together; and will never again take for granted the freedoms we so enjoyed before the Pandemic of 2020.