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HASP Annual Business Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 2020

We will truly miss gathering in person to celebrate the success of HASP programs and recognize our retiring officers this year. It is with sadness and disappointment that we will have to provide this meeting online, but we will not be deterred from celebrating our growing and thriving organization. President Larry Lynn, Vice President Barbara Stegink, and Director Kim Mendels will be pre-recording our Annual Business meeting and a link will be sent to you on Tuesday morning, June 16th, 2020.

In the meantime we encourage you to read the annual reports provided in this newsletter. A week prior you will receive an email with information on how to cast your vote on the slate of new officers and type in any questions you would like us to address in the meeting. 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 both an exciting and challenging year to say the least – a major construction project AND a global pandemic! Still, this is an important annual event for our organization and we sincerely hope you will tune in to be inspired, informed, and connected to this very strong program that so many members have worked so hard to provide for all of us.

Since our 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 can stop this from continuing, nor stop us from celebrating the many wonderful opportunities HASP has provided this last year for lifelong learning and serving the college and community we love.

Remember, throughout the summer we encourage you to visit our HASP Virtual Classroom, www.hope.edu/virtualhasp, for online meetings, lectures and classes as well as links to additional resources. Recorded events will be available to you at our new [HASP YouTube Channel](#).

We continue to live in HOPE, grateful for each other and for the community of HASP and Hope College.

Kim Mendels, HASP Director

Thoughts on COVID-19 - Barbara Stegink, HASP Vice President

A few weeks ago, my husband Gordon began calling this unusual time a “virus vacation”. Not to diminish the seriousness of the current virus, let’s focus on what “vacation” means. Most of us think a vacation is a time to relax. While that is true, to me it is also a time to *explore, discover, and learn*.

As soon as the stay-at-home order was issued with advice to venture outside of our homes with precautions, I first *explored* the internet, then my closets and drawers where I *discovered* unused pillow shams that could be repurposed. With some help again from the internet, I *learned* to make facial masks for Gordon and myself.

Continuing to *explore* the internet and YouTube offerings, I *discovered* that I could go numerous places and engage in a multitude of activities. There were tours of museums, gardens, cities, and historical places; concerts, plays and movies to attend. I could *learn* a lot by just sitting home at my computer!

During the past six weeks I have *explored* and *discovered* Google Meets and ZOOM. I *learned* that these are not bad ways to attend meetings or enjoy visits with family and friends. It certainly isn’t the same as being together “in-person,” but they are wonderful ways to be with other people from the safety of one’s own home.

Since my exercise venue closed, I *explored* the internet again and *discovered* that YouTube has enough fitness classes to keep me in shape forever! I chose one I thought I would like and *learned* new routines. I hope my daily workouts will help me stay physically fit.

Every day I spend time at the piano with Bach, Schubert and other favorite composers. I enjoy *exploring* the musical intricacies in their compositions. I am *discovering* that I need to concentrate and use correct fingering and technique to play their pieces. I am *learning* that time with music feeds my soul and lifts my spirit!

On rainy, cloudy, and cool days, I *explore* my fridge and pantry. Usually I *discover* a variety of staples that, when mixed together, make a hearty and comforting meal. I *learn* that I am blessed to have an ample supply of food.

When the sun is shining and the sky is blue, it is time to get outdoors. It might be for a bit of spring gardening, a walk around the neighborhood, or a drive to one of our local or county parks. During these early spring days, it is a joy to *explore* our natural world. On a recent walk, I *discovered* turtles basking in the sun on logs in a pond, frogs croaking in marsh waters, birds flying overhead searching for nesting places, and signs of new growth peeking through the earth’s surface. Every spring we marvel at the renewal of life, but this year everything is different. I am *learning* patience as I know that in time, renewal in our lives will come and we will once again *explore* and *discover* new ways to live and *learn* together.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, jcberry@sirus.com, 616.399.2538

June 16, 2020 Annual Meeting – 9:30 a.m., Online
July 7, 2020 Better Angels, 9:30 a.m., Online

Please watch your email for further information on how to access these upcoming programs. Additionally, since we are unable to gather in person right now for HASP Monthly Programs, we invite you to watch previous monthly programs online that you may have missed or ones that were your favorites.

There is a variety of recorded lectures, classes and monthly programs available to you at our new [HASP YouTube Channel](#). You can also explore [Hope College on YouTube](#) for additional content.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:

Tom Weber, who died unexpectedly on April 20, 2020. Tom’s wife Mollie is also a HASP member.

Ted DuMez, who died unexpectedly on Friday, May 15, 2020.

Annual membership dues/renewal will be online again this year and the information and link will be sent to you after the Annual Business meeting, June 16, 2020. Dues will remain \$100 per member for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, through June 20, 2021.

CURRICULUM

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

This summer HASP will boldly go where we have never gone before—all summer courses will be offered online. Kim Mendels, HASP Director, has sent updates about the process, including several tutorial opportunities, and will continue to walk us through this new adventure. Many of us are using various on-line opportunities to connect with family and friends whom we are no longer able to visit in person. When our first class begins on June 16 we should all be online experts! Of course, online courses are not our preferred way of learning together. HASP members relish face-to-face connections and lively discussions, but for now online classes will connect us with many stimulating course opportunities. We welcome your feedback as, out of necessity, we explore this new way of learning together.

The four sub-committees are developing their fall proposals. We are planning a full range of courses, including several of the courses delayed from spring term. Sustainability remains the timely cross-disciplinary theme for fall. Our hope and intention is to be back in the classroom in September, but we are working with presenters to have back-up options in order to offer a full curriculum.

All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!

Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs – sarahbriggs969@gmail.com 517-449-5818

Humanities: Co-Chairs David Brower – davidangusbrower@hotmail.com 616-688-7356
and Judy Parr – parr.judyandbill@gmail.com 616-546-3424

Science, Technology & Medicine: Bruce Bassett, bruce-b@sbcglobal.net, 847.542.7449

Social Sciences: Mike Economos – mikeeconomos@gmail.com 269-857-1248

Gardening SIG:

As so many of our HASP activities were canceled due to COVID-19, the SIG for Gardeners also canceled planned events for March and April. The next event planned for the group is tentatively scheduled for the end of June. Future events will be planned under the new leadership of members Mary Deenik (deenik@hope.edu), Susan Miller (semiller976@hotmail.com) and Glenda Simpkins (glendasimpkins@aol.com).

SERVICE

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

A Word Search

From the Service Committee

Can you find these words?

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| CivicCenter | Newsletter |
| Classes | Service |
| Cookies | Special Events |
| HASP | StayAtHome |
| HopeCollege | TulipTime |
| KimMendels | Volunteer |
| Meetings | MillerCenter |



SPECIAL EVENTS

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

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVENTS ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER

Please return the registration form to the office, 100 E. 8th St., Suite 150, Holland, MI, 49423, with cash or check payment (made out to Hope College)

All of our trips leave from the Ray & Sue Smith Stadium parking lot (13th & Fairbanks) unless otherwise noted

The Covid-19 Pandemic certainly has been disappointing for many reasons. And even more than disappointing, my heart goes out to those who have suffered through the disease and even experienced the loss of a loved one. This puts a little perspective on how disappointing it has been to cancel events we had planned for our members from March through July. We are grateful that our deposits have been refunded for all the events we have canceled. We look forward to planning safe events in the future.

We have not yet canceled the Niagara on the Lake trip, but will probably make that decision the first of June. All those who have registered will be fully refunded if we cancel.

We are discussing having a "Fall Fling" event depending on the situation in September so stay tuned! It may be held in a larger "outdoor" setting with catered food. We are also still discussing plans for November and December.

"We are all in this together," and we look forward to boarding a Hope bus and to having a fun and enlightening time together when it is safe to do so.

October ~ Shaw Festival (*paper registration form only, back of this newsletter*)

(Note: A decision will be made in June whether festival will be held or cancelled)

Wednesday, October 7- Friday, October 9, 2020

7:00 am depart on Wednesday, approximate return to Holland 6:00pm Friday

Cost: \$450 pp double occupancy

\$600 pp single occupancy

Travel to beautiful Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, Canada to enjoy seeing three plays: "Gypsy" a musical with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "The Devil's Disciple" by Bernard Shaw, and "Sherlock Holmes and the Raven's Curse" by Hamilton Wright based on the works of Arthur Conan Doyle. We will be staying at the Colonel Butler Inn in downtown Niagara on the Lake within walking distance of restaurants and theaters. **However bus service will be available to and from the plays on each day.** Travel begins on Wednesday, October 7, a box lunch on the way and arrival in Niagara on the Lake in late afternoon, dinner on your own and an evening play performance. The next morning is free to enjoy the restaurants and shopping on your own, a play at 2:00 pm and dinner on your own. The third play is at 8:00 pm in the evening. Breakfast is included at the hotel each morning either in the breakfast room or on the veranda. Friday morning we will return to Holland and arrive there around dinner time. We will stop for lunch on your own on the return trip.

NOTE: You will need a current passport to travel to Niagara on the Lake that does not expire in the next six months.

If you have further questions, contact Event Coordinator: Sue Bohlander (616) 566-7484, hiker4625@gmail.com

COMMUNICATIONS

The 2020 HASP Review is complete – even during a pandemic! Many THANKS to HASP members **Dave Schmitt, Jan Gebben, and Susan Miller** for their time and commitment to this project. We are also grateful to each member who contributed their writing and art to this issue – THANK YOU! The 2020 Review will be made available online with hard copies sent to each member who contributed and additional hard copies by request. Watch your email for further information prior to the Annual Business Meeting date.

ANNUAL REPORTS for fiscal year 2019-2020

President's Report – Larry Lynn

Our opportunity for lifelong learning continues as we face the new challenges of Covid-19. The uncertainty of how this will “play out” will influence the board decisions made this past fiscal year below.

Up until mid-March the HASP Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, Personnel Committee and Nominating Committee had a busy year. Working with Director Kim Mendels, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement Scott Travis, Office and Project Manager Amy Berarducci, and HASP's various committees, the board:

1. Approved up to \$450,000 of the HASP Facilities/Endowment fund to be used for relocation and renovation of HASP offices and classroom space on the first floor of the Anderson Werkman building. Looking to the future, decided to allow Hope's Development Department, in partnership with HASP leadership, a one-time campaign solicitation for building the HASP Facilities/Endowment fund. It was initiated in order to partially offset funds expended on the relocation of HASP office and classrooms and to provide a stable future for the HASP program. As of April, new money pledged to this project has amounted to nearly \$250,000. To date, the project has come in under budget and final numbers will be reported this fall.
2. On March 10th was able to hold its first board meeting in our new location downstairs in the Anderson Werkman building. Prior to that February classes also began in our new facility.
3. After a one-year experiment splitting the Monthly Meetings this past year between Jack Miller and the Civic Center decided to have all future meetings at Jack Miller. The decision was primarily a result of extensive conversation on pros and cons of both sites, our relationship with Hope College, and the cost differences between the two venues. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Voted to hold the June annual business meeting at Jack Miller while the Haworth Center was still under construction. It was changed from a deluxe continental breakfast to a coffee/cookie meeting. (We have since learned we will have to do this meeting online)
5. Adopted a \$137000 budget for FY 2021, predicated on the latest estimate of membership dues and mini-course receipts. The financial strength of HASP continues to be excellent.

On behalf of HASP, I thank the following board members **Connie Corriveau and Mike Economos** (Members at Large 2020) who will be concluding their terms June 30th. I also thank those board members who will be continuing their service: **Sharon Arendshorst** (Curriculum Chair), **Claudia Berry** (Monthly Program Chair), **David Blatt** (Member at Large 2022), **Don Cowie** (Treasurer), **Paul Heusinkveld** (Member at Large 2021), **Maura Reynolds** (Service Chair), **Barbara Stegink** (Vice President), **Carla VerSchure** (Membership Chair), **Debra Williamson** (Member at Large 2021), and **Judie Zylman** (Special Events Chair) and College Liaisons **Josh Bishop and Fred Johnson**.

Treasurer's Report – Don Cowie

HASP continues to be in a strong financial position. The management staff and Board of Directors are very attentive to control of expenditures thus ensuring a positive cash flow. This has been a most unusual year with management of the HASP facilities expansion and now operating under very restricted conditions necessitated by Covid-19. Financial reporting and control processes have in no way been distracted as HASP expects to exit the fiscal year with an operating surplus of approximately \$44,000 and a cash balance in excess of \$50,000.

The schedule following this report is a detailed income statement including actual results through April and the forecast for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2020. Comparative data for the current year budget and previous year are included for comparative purposes. A few comments:

- Income from revenues will exceed both budget and 2019 actual.
 - Membership dues are 4% higher than last year.
 - Mini-course receipts are down 7% to last year due to cancellation of second half of the winter term courses due to Covid-19 restrictions and the decision to offer summer on-line courses at no charge.
 - Miscellaneous income includes approximately \$8,300 of member donations of course fees paid for cancelled winter courses. Thanks to all for your support. The remaining income is related to Special Event activities.
- Expenses will be under budget and below last year largely due to cancelled year-end activities.

The financial detail report also includes the budget for the 2021 fiscal year. As we enter the new year with some uncertainty as how HASP operations will be affected by Covid-19, the revenue budgets have been scaled back somewhat. As the summer course schedule will be offered without charge there will no associated revenue. It is difficult to predict what financial impact the limitation on operations will have going into the fall, but HASP is well positioned to absorb some unanticipated losses due to its strong cash position.

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. A draw of \$450,000 was taken from this fund last year to provide for the now completed HASP office and classroom expansion. The fund balance as of March 31, 2020 was \$262,959. During the year HASP transferred \$30,000 from previous year's cash generation. Additionally, to date, almost \$250,000 has been received or pledged in member donations to the facilities 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, 2020 were \$52,250 and \$50,629 respectively. Donations to the HASP Facility Endowment and Scholarship funds are always welcome and much appreciated.

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| HASP | | | | | | |
| Budget | | | | | | |
| Fiscal Year 2020 | | | | | | |
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | 2021 | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Actual | Annual | |
| | | Annual | April YTD | Annual | Budget | |
| Income | | | | | | |
| | Membership Dues | 86,000 | 86,750 | 86,750 | 83,500 | 85,000 |
| | Mini-course Receipts | 46,443 | 59,886 | 59,886 | 64,452 | 50,000 |
| | Other | 2,000 | 10,655 | 10,655 | 5,462 | 2,000 |
| | Total | 134,443 | 157,291 | 157,291 | 153,413 | 137,000 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| | Student Employee | 1,500 | 1,515 | 1,515 | 666 | 3,000 |
| | HASP Review | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 1,427 | 1,500 |
| | Spring Fling | 400 | - | - | 259 | 400 |
| | Curriculum Training | 500 | - | - | 225 | - |
| | Communications | 600 | 588 | 588 | 676 | 600 |
| | New Member Orientation | 750 | 313 | 313 | 680 | 700 |
| | Mini-course Expenses | 10,000 | 5,342 | 5,342 | 8,349 | 10,000 |
| | Salaries - Office Assistant | 17,919 | 15,688 | 17,488 | 17,419 | 24,700 |
| | Salaries - Other | 44,363 | 37,419 | 44,903 | 43,821 | 47,320 |
| | Payroll Expense | 12,175 | 9,632 | 11,532 | 11,117 | 13,953 |
| | Rent | 1,200 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| | Hospitality & Coffee | 2,500 | 1,518 | 2,018 | 2,130 | 2,500 |
| | Postage & Delivery | 6,000 | 3,884 | 5,584 | 5,156 | 6,000 |
| | Copy costs | 4,000 | 3,373 | 4,373 | 3,715 | 6,000 |
| | Monthly Meeting | 17,871 | 12,505 | 12,505 | 13,475 | 10,157 |
| | Supplies | 2,500 | 2,163 | 2,663 | 2,347 | 2,400 |
| | Equipment Expense | 1,000 | 558 | 558 | 70 | 165 |
| | Telephone | 450 | - | - | 428 | - |
| | Dues & Subscriptions | 200 | 45 | 45 | 63 | 200 |
| | Gifts & Recognitions | 1,200 | 772 | 872 | 326 | 1,000 |
| | Annual Luncheon Expense | 3,400 | - | - | 3,346 | 3,400 |
| | Board Lunch Expense | 1,200 | 375 | 375 | 650 | 775 |
| | Service Grants | 2,000 | 400 | 800 | 200 | 1,200 |
| | Other | 1,215 | 99 | 99 | 398 | 30 |
| | Total | 134,443 | 96,190 | 113,074 | 116,942 | 137,000 |
| | Operating Income | 0 | 61,101 | 44,217 | 36,471 | 0 |

Monthly Program – Claudia Berry, Chair

The monthly program meetings continue to be a successful way to engage members in a larger group setting and to offer interesting programs. This year we alternated between two venues. From July through November we meet at the Jack Miller Music Hall on Hope's Campus. In December the location switched to the Holland Civic Center. Had it not been for the coronavirus and the Governor's stay at home orders our programs would have been held at the Civic Center from December through April. Both locations have their advantages and disadvantages. In the fall HASP provided a shuttle from DeVos Fieldhouse to alleviate the parking problems that exist on Hope's campus and this service will be continued when we can hold meetings again at the Jack Miller center.

Monthly Programs presented in 2019-2020

This year the program topics addressed mental health, the environment, arts and music, history, local government and businesses and an introduction to Hope College's new president:

- July 2019 – Jeff Elhart, President and Owner of Elhart Automotive Campus. “Be Nice” movement
- August 2019 - Mark Worrall, MED[®]- “Our Environmental History, Do We Understand the Risk”
- September 2019 – Panel: Marc Baer, Milton Nieuwsma, John Tammi, Fred Johnson “ Behind the Scenes at Inventing America”
- October 2019 – Jeff Stout, Executive Director Research Technology and New Mobility -NA Yang Feng Automotive Interiors, “Future Mobility- What Does It Mean”
- November 2019 – Matthew Scogin, Hope College President, “Hope College Presidential Perspective”
- December 2019 – Dan Fisher, composer, “ Stealing the Night”
- January 2020- Brett VanderKamp, owner New Holland Brewery, “New Holland Brewery History”
- February 2020- Keith Van Beek, Holland City Manager and Dave Koster, BPW General Manager, “Waterfront Holland-A Community Vision”
- March 2020 – Lindsay Olson, artist, “Ocean Acoustics: The Art of Sound in the Sea”
- April 2020 – to be rescheduled due to COVID 19 Virus
- May 2020- to be rescheduled due to COVID19 Virus
- June 16, 2020 – HASP Annual Business Meeting, online

The members of the monthly program committee have brought ideas and topics for programs. Their role is to connect with potential speakers, introduce the speaker and oversee the Q&A at the end of each program. . Serving on the committee are the following HASP members: **Claudia Berry (Chair) Gary Bogle, Jodi Syens, Joyce Mott, Marilyn Schmidt, and Paul Trap. Ex officio members are Larry Lynn (President), Barbara Stegink (Vice President) and Loren Meengs.** This year our committee lost a very valuable and active contributing member, **Tom Weber.** Our committee will truly miss Tom's energy and enthusiasm.

Membership – Carla VerSchure, Chair

The 2019-2020 HASP fiscal year recorded HASP membership passing the 900 mark. In the summer of 2019 membership was 862. There were 49 members who did not renew due to various reasons, including medical/health, moving out of area, family responsibilities, and other life priorities. Also, during the past year 10 of our members passed away, and 4 resigned when they moved out of the area. We are currently at **914** members. Due to the suspension of regular activities, we did not admit new members in April and May.

In the months from July 2019 through March 2020, we welcomed 150 guests at our monthly meetings. We were not able to hold our scheduled New Member Orientation in May, but 45 new members attended the events held in September and January.

Members adapted very well as we moved our monthly meetings between the Jack Miller Performance Hall and the Holland Civic Center. The Membership Committee continued to provide greeters at the doors of each venue to direct attendees and answer questions. A special thanks goes to the HASP members who are not on the committee, but volunteered to help with greeting.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the members of the committee: **Shae Kobs, Joe Koziol, Ann Siakel, Doug Walvoord, Robin Williams-Voigt, and Barbara Stegink** (ex-officio). All except Barbara will continue in their positions for the next program year.

Curriculum – Sharon Arendshorst, Chair

During the 2019-2020 HASP fiscal year, the Curriculum Committee provided a large number of outstanding courses, continued to develop capacity for our growing membership, fine-tuned the proposal style and editing process, encouraged HASP members to participate more fully, and creatively met the disruptions of remodeling and the coronavirus.

During this academic year we offered 135 courses with a total of 285 sessions. Registration remained strong, with many courses filled to capacity.

Summer 2019: 31 courses, 57 sessions, 480 registered HASP members

Fall 2019: 43 courses, 95 sessions, 597 registered HASP members

Winter/Spring 2020: 61 courses, 133 sessions, 572 registered HASP members during first half of term. Due to COVID-19, 37 courses and 69 sessions were cancelled after March 11th.

Many courses have been filled to capacity with wait lists. In order to provide more options for our growing membership, the Curriculum Committee has started offering two courses in the same time slot a few times each term. This opportunity to offer more than one course at the same time has grown with the completion of the new HASP space and we will have two or three classrooms available in the future. During the winter/spring term, we provided the opportunity to register for individual class sessions in courses where each session was involved of a stand-alone topic. Our hopes are that this will provide more room for more members to participate in a course, and fewer no-shows of those registered. This change has been received positively by the membership.

Course proposals are developed or received by four sub-committees comprised of 10-15 HASP members: Fine Arts; Humanities; Science Technology, and Medicine; and Social Sciences. Members of these sub-committees serve 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. We are grateful for your time and expertise:

Humanities: **Diana Nelson**

Social Sciences: **Debra Williamson, Gary Scholten, and Ann Weller**

Science, Medicine, and Technology: **Richard Cook, Harvey Doorenbos, and Brad Klow**

Fine Arts: **Jody Colvin**

The Curriculum Committee reviews the completed proposals, approves appropriate courses, and finalizes the course catalog and calendar. In order for the Curriculum Committee to focus more time and energy on curriculum development ideas, membership participation, and large picture issues, we fine-tuned the proposal and editing process this past year. We clarified proposal expectations, updated a checklist related to style and editing, and developed a process that ends with more finished and well-edited proposals coming to the committee for review.

Marty Evert edits proposals following the sub-committees' edits before they come to the Curriculum Committee. She also does the final edit of the course catalog. **A BIG thank you to Marty!**

In order to encourage more HASP members to develop and teach courses, the Curriculum Committee held a tutorial in the fall and participated in the two new member orientations. We continue to invite members to participate by joining a sub-committee and by suggesting courses or presenters. HASP was founded on its members presenting topics of interest. We want to continue to encourage HASP members to present courses, and we provide coordinators to support them throughout the process.

The four sub-committees meet throughout the year to receive, develop and evaluate courses. COVID-19 has challenged the way we have always done things. Meetings are now over Zoom, course presenters are developing the capacity to teach online, and members are adapting to online learning opportunities. Through it all, the Curriculum Committee and its four sub-committees continue to provide stimulating, challenging, and enlightening courses. We thank you for your HASP participation in lifelong learning!

The Curriculum Committee wishes to thank Kim and Amy for their tireless work on behalf of HASP and the enormous support they offered to the Curriculum Committee during this past year of many transitions and challenges. We look forward to working with Susan, the new HASP program coordinator, in the coming year.

Service – Maura Reynolds, Chair

Committee Members: **Linda Fairchild, Marie Hamilton, Terri Holden, Myra Karachy, Maura Reynolds, Cheryl Swierenga, Elliot Tanis, David Tapley**

Volunteering with Hope College

Thank you, HASP members, for volunteering in Hope College classes. During the fall semester, we had six requests and 60 requests were filled with some HASP members doing more than one. In the spring, there were five requests, and they were filled with about 45 volunteers. There were some challenges in the spring. For a senior seminar one-on-one request, the HASP members were asked to meet twice with a student during the semester. The first meetings were conducted in person; then classes were changed to remote instruction so hopefully the second meetings were conducted in writing or by phone. For Developmental Psychology, one section did not use HASP volunteers. One section used Google Meet, and Elliot Tanis was told that “The HASP volunteers were awesome, and I am extremely grateful for their flexibility and willingness to be a part of the day, even amidst this very unusual time!” Two sections used Zoom. One professor wrote “Our virtual HASP day was a success! We were able to get everyone connected over Zoom. What a valuable experience for my students!” The other professor wrote “Overall things went pretty smoothly. All the HASP members were able to join the session with no problem, and the break-out groups worked pretty well. Obviously, it is not the same as talking in person, but from popping in on the various sessions, it sounds like there were some good conversations.”

Four HASP members worked with a faculty member in the Nursing Department over several months to write and perform two simulations for senior nursing students. Each simulation included a HASP member playing the role of a patient or a doctor and a student nurse. The simulation created a scenario that happens frequently in a hospital setting. The video-taped simulation was debriefed for an effective learning experience. The faculty member was enthusiastic about HASP’s involvement: “You have made my dream come true!”

Professor Lauren Hearit (Communication Department) asked HASP to recruit volunteers for her research study on preparing financially for retirement. 35 HASP members responded.

At least one HASP member observed via Zoom senior students’ research projects.

Several Hope faculty invited HASP members to attend presentations made by their students. Many HASP members attended.

Reading with Children (Baggie Books) at West Ottawa Schools

These volunteers meet one-on-one with young readers and listen to each read a book of their choice. The child then brings the book and reads it to a family member. Teachers report that this one-on-one attention pays big dividends.

Woodside had six volunteers; Pine Creek eight. Most were HASP members.

Tulip Time Tour Guides

Before the virus, we had 54 returning guides eager to go (33 HASP). We were in the middle of training 5 new guides (2 HASP). We are ready and eager for next year and only hope it goes well.

McIntosh Manor

This nonprofit corporation for low-income seniors asked HASP to recruit a board member to serve as secretary. One HASP member volunteered.

Service Grants

The Service Committee awarded two \$200 service grants to HASP members who volunteer at these programs:

- McIntosh Manor so this housing complex for low-income seniors can offer a low cost or free social get-together each quarter for residents
- VanRaalte Institute to assist a historical book project that will research, document, and publish a biography of Eleanor Calverley, the first woman doctor to Kuwait.

HASP members can read about these grants and find an application at the HASP website

<https://hope.edu/offices/hope-academy-senior-professionals/> under “Member Resources.”

Other requests for HASP volunteers

- Two HASP members volunteered to proctor AP/IB exams at West Ottawa High School; these exams were cancelled because of the pandemic.
- Each year, HASP provides volunteers ushers for the Grand Rapids Symphony’s concert for area 5th graders. Unfortunately, this year’s concert fell on the date of our monthly meeting, so few HASP members were able to help.
- Although we advertised requests from these groups, to the best of my knowledge, no one responded
 - Serving as an after-school mentor/tutor at Holland Middle School through the STEP program.
 - Volunteering as a docent/guide for the *Them* exhibit at the Holland Museum
 - Helping at the Children’s Advocacy Center in a variety of ways

MYRA KARACHY and **MARIE HAMILTON** are ending their terms on the Service Committee; we’ll miss their generous service and positive attitudes.

Special Events, Judie Zylman, Chair

The HASP Special Events Committee works to provide social and educational experiences monthly for members of HASP.

Committee members: **Sue Bohlander, Anita Brooks and Larry Lynn** have completed their first 3 year term. **Alyce Doss, Hugh Ivany, Charlotte McKenzie and Chet Pawlet** have serve 2 years and **Mary Voss, Lois Veenstra and Milton Nieuwsma** have served their first year. **Chuck and Thelma Ferguson** resigned during their 2nd year and **Sue Ladd** joined the Committee in January as their replacement.

| Month | Event Description | Coordinators | Date |
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| July '19 | Chicago Botanical Gardens | Bohlander/Ivany-Mc Kenzie | 7/10/2019 |
| August '19 | State Capitol & Michigan History Museum | Zylman/ Voss | 8/7/2019 |
| September '19 | Marshal Home Tour | McKenzie-Ivany/Zylman | 9/6/2019 |
| October '19 | M-119 Tunnel of Trees | Pawlek/Bohlander | 10/8-9/2019 |
| November '19 | W MI Shoreline Tour/Muskegon | Veenstra/ Voss | 11/12/2019 |
| December '19: | Mona Shores Singing Christmas Tree | Doss/ Veenstra | 12/07/2019 |
| January, '20 | Hope College Musical Showcase w dinner | Pawlak | 1/31/2020 |
| March '20 | Hope Great Performance Concert w dinner | Niewisma/Voss/Veenstra | Canceled COVID-19 |
| April '20 | Chicago Culture Trip Art Museum or Chicago Symphony | Bohlander/Voss | Canceled COVID-19 |
| May '20 | Dow Garden Tour | Brooks/Zylman | Canceled COVID-19 |
| May '20 | Spring Fling | McKenzie-Ivany/Zylman | Canceled COVID-19 |
| June '20 | No plans made due to COVID-19 | | |

Future Approved Events

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| October '20 | Niagara on the Lake | Bohlander/Voss | 10/7-9/2020 |
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Ideas for Consideration 2020

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| Sept/Oct '20 | Art Prize | Doss |
| December '20 | Singing Christmas Tree | Doss |

Special Event Registration Form:

Shaw Festival
Wednesday, October 7-Friday, October 9, 2020
Cost: \$450 pp Double Occupancy, \$600 pp Single Occupancy

Name #1 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Name #2 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone # _____

Boxed Lunch Menu Choices (Choose one, please initial if more than 1 person registering):

_____ **Haworth Club Sandwich:** with smoked ham, roasted turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato and Dijon mayonnaise on an Artisan pretzel bun. Also includes kettle chips and fresh fruit salad

_____ **Vegetarian Whole Grain Wrap** with black beans, herbed Alouette cheese, tomatoes, shredded carrots, cucumbers and romaine lettuce, with red pepper hummus in a whole grain wrap. Also includes kettle chips and a fresh fruit salad

_____ **Southwestern Chicken Salad** with char broiled chicken, cheddar cheese, black bean and corn salsa, tomatoes, black olives, red onions and crispy tortilla chips on romaine lettuce with salsa ranch dressing. Also includes a fresh bakery roll and butter and a gourmet chocolate chunk cookie

All lunches come with bottled water.

Special Dietary Requests: _____