

Minutes of the 4/11/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:45 pm in the Congregational Church Parlor, New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, George Brakeley, Lyn Chivvis, Jim Cole, Lila Coleman, Patti Geanakos, Nancy Helle, Chris Hussey, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Peggy Jay, Janet Lanaway, Steve Orteig, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell. Attorney George Baker and insurance agent Joe Provenzano attended by invitation.

Operations Report: Barb reported that SP has increased its Volunteer drivers from 40 to 52. Donna Simone has transitioned to part-time, 3 days per week from full-time.

Volunteers: Jim Cole reported that Channel 79 now has a new “crawler” that asks for Volunteers to invest their time and money in SP. Thanks go to Kelly DeFrancesco who held a volunteer recruitment coffee at her home. The event was very successful, and SP now has 12 new volunteers. A volunteer thank you coffee was held in the “Larry Brown Room” and attended by 24 volunteers.

Membership: The Membership Committee has decided each committee member will be matched with a new member to welcome and to shepherd through the events and programs that SP has to offer. The Committee also expects to hold information coffees in the condos in town.

Publicity: Is scheduled for the next three months at least twice each month! SP will also update on Facebook and on Dropbox. The newsletter will go out this week with an extra insert of photos. The new graphic designer, Ellen Patch, is doing a great job.

Events: SP is co-sponsoring two events on End of Life Planning with the New Canaan Business Alliance. Look for Barb’s column in the New Canaan Advertiser this week and for a press release the week ahead of each event – with photos! These talks will be held at the library on Wed Apr 27 and May 11 at 5pm.

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 1st in Smith Hall at the Congregational Church, from 2-4pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around for foods for the Annual Meeting

Advisory Council will meet on April 13th with Jim Hollyday and Barbara Johansen at the helm. These two original SP Board members have met with Judy B and Barb A to discuss suggestions from the Council. One suggestion is to have a members’ directory. Another will be to reach out more often to each set of condos in town.