

Minutes of the 5/9/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:28 pm in the Parlor at the Congregational Church.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Judy Bentley, George Brakeley, Lyn Chivvis, Tom Ferguson, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway, Steve Orteig, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell, Priscilla Thomas

April Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Operations: Volunteers and staff gave 390 rides in April. SP has 50 volunteer drivers, up from 40 this winter. SP also has more riders. SP's ride policy remains 3 rides per week, except for emergencies.

Board Committees/Reports:

Publicity: SP plans to place two articles in the NC Advertiser each month and regularly update our Facebook and website accounts. The board discussed updating the SP video that was made 5 years ago.

Advisory Council discussed ideas for activities and publicity. Two event ideas: a writer's workshop and a book group. A suggestion for publicity: SPNC car magnets, t-shirts and/or hats along with hand-out cards that describe SPNC.

Events: There were 7 events in April with some highlights being the End of Life program and the April 1st pizza party. The End of Life program was co-sponsored by Staying Put in New Canaan and the Alliance of Business Professionals and was held at the New Canaan Library. The discussion panel was open to the public. The first "End of Life" panel discussion was held on April 27th and attended by 117 people. The next discussion is scheduled for May 11th at 5 pm. The Annual Meeting was held at Smith Hall in the Congregational Church and attended by 65.

Interns: Starting May 16th, SPNC will have two interns from New Canaan High School interviewing members and taking photos to be used for publicity and in our newsletters.

Membership: Committee members are assigned to new SP members to welcome them to SP, tell them about all SP offers and encourage them to come to events. The Membership committee will also help with the June 26th SP Fundraiser Event at Lila's and at the Sidewalk Sale. The committee has also scheduled meetings with various condo associations in town to present info on SP. Membership will meet individually with new residents of The Inn who need more info on SP. It was suggested the chef at The Inn do a cooking class for some members.

Other: The board congratulated Sue Scannell for being honored as AAUW Woman of the Year for her expertise and selfless volunteerism. The board also congratulated Judy Bentley for being honored by Laurel House in Stamford.