

Minutes of the 10/15/19 Staying Put Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Tuesday, October 15 at 4:30 pm at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Carol Blauvelt, Judy Bentley, Sherman Bull, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Judy Johnson, Phil Ives, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Donna Simone, Tom Stadler, and Chris Snyder. Laura Danforth attended by invitation.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Annual Appeal: Judy Bentley reported that the Appeal has gotten off to an excellent start and there have been several generous major gifts.

Governance: Tom Ferguson nominated Sharon Pierce as a Board Trustee and she was elected unanimously.

Communications: Laura Danforth provided a summary of the organization's plan to more actively use social media to raise awareness of the organization. This includes regular posts on Facebook and our new Instagram account. She has also created a YouTube channel where Staying Put's Carpool Karaoke videos are being aired.

Volunteers: Students at New Canaan High School have started a "Staying Put Club" which will provide support for Staying Put events. Other youth groups who continue to support our efforts include the Youth Group at the Congregational Church, the Service League of Boys, the Boy Scouts, and the New Canaan Charity League.

Advisory Council: The Advisory Council will meet on October 23 at 3:30 pm at the New Canaan Historical Society. Aggie Aspinwall will report on activities for seniors in town and Sally Campbell will provide information on Government programs.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40.