

Minutes of the 1/11/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:20 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday, January 11, 2016 at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, George Brakeley, Lyn Chivvis, Jim Cole, Lila Coleman, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Helle, Cathy Irwin, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway, Steve Orteig, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell, Priscilla Thomas, Cynn timer Yates

The Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Operations: Total requests for services in 2015 were 4,388, with 3,218 requests for rides. There were 89 volunteer drivers who gave 3,969 rides and clocked 19,766 miles. Thank you to all the volunteers. Staying Put still needs more volunteer drivers. Some days there are as many as 20 rides! Let's never miss a chance to recruit another volunteer – remind people how great it feels to help a neighbor.

Membership: Membership remains steady at 274. The Membership Committee will work with the adult children of seniors in New Canaan to increase awareness of the services Staying Put offers. The Membership Committee will also meet with the Boards of the condos in Town to increase awareness of Staying Put and its services; this plan will help recruit more volunteers and members.

Events: Events for 2015 were attended by 1,395, a 45% increase in attendance over 2014. Events in December were attended by 81 members. The Holiday Frog Tree Lunch at Judy Bentley's was attended by 40 members and a great time was had by all! A Tea to thank Staying Put volunteers at The Chivvis' was attended by 38 volunteers. Upcoming events are listed on the website. Noted events are the January Thaw Tea at Donna's and the Soup's on Lunch at Jeanne Gnuse's and lunches at Grace Farms every other Friday at 1 pm.

The Annual Birthday Party was a success with 112 attendees. The National Charity League were a big help, especially with clean up. The Blue Notes were entertaining and many members were humming or singing along to the familiar songs.

Community: Staying Put has collaborated with the Alliance of Business Professionals and will provide two programs addressing issues on health, hospice, and dying. 'Can't Get Out of Dying, Might as well plan for it' will be held in the New Canaan library on April 27, and May 10. Another topic that SP will coordinate with the Alliance is how to move from a large home to a smaller space. Both events will be open to the public.