

Minutes of the 10/11/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

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

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

Operations: Donna Simone hosted a Village Network Webinar on the Assisted Rides Program, and Barb Achenbaum was on a panel to discuss the National V2V movement at the Western Connecticut Leadership conference in September. Barb will attend the National V2V Conference in Columbus Ohio next week.

Staying Put has partnered with the high school football team and also with Lapham. The football team has adopted Staying Put as its local charity for this year. On Friday, October 21 members are invited to attend the home game and a pre-game tailgate with Rams' parents. Lou Marinelli's presentation at The Inn was a big hit. Staying Put and Lapham are sponsoring a program on Oct 26 with Dr. Mark Lachs on How to Talk with Your Doctor. Another partnership with Lapham will be a program on the movie, Being Mortal by Atul Gawande on Nov 16th at noon.

It was announced that Darien Community Association in partnership with the Alliance of Business Partners is sponsoring a program on Preparing for Dementia on Oct 18th from 5-7. This program is free. The Presbyterian Church of New Canaan will sponsor the Staying Put "End of Life" program on April 1, 2017.

Community Outreach: The membership committee has four Ambassadors who check in with and visit new members. They use phone calls, and emails to encourage these newbies to make use of services. Staying Put has a point-person in most of the condo associations. The dinners, BBQ's, picnics and lunches are a great way to get new members involved.

Kathy Pasternak made a presentation to the Board of Realtors, and she and Judy Bentley did one for St. A's Parish Partners. St. Mark's has an active newcomers group that should be tapped also. St. Michael's is in contact with Kathy Pasternak to alert her to potential new members.

Publicity: Staying Put had articles in the New Canaan Advertiser and the New Canaan News.

Volunteers: Tanis Erdmann will be coordinating the schedule for office volunteers. There was an all-Volunteer welcome back coffee in September in The Larry Brown Room that was attended by 19 volunteers.

Events: The next scheduled event is Lois' Halloween Lunch on 10/25 at her home. The Lobsterfest was a success with 21 in attendance. Some dinners were delivered to members. Preliminary plans for Staying Put's Annual Birthday were discussed.

Member Directory: Barb Achenbaum presented a mock-up of the Member Directory. It will have the member's name and phone number who have granted permission to share this information.