

Minutes of the 9/12/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:20 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday, September 12th at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, George Brakeley, Lyn Chivvis, Lila Coleman, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Helle, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Judy Johnson, Steve Orteig, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Priscilla Thomas

The minutes for the July meeting were approved.

Operations: There were 247 requests for rides and members received a total of 283 rides (including round-trips). Forty-six drivers gave rides to 40 members, covering 1623 miles in 105 hours. We recorded 59 non-ride related requests. The majority were requests for health and safety advice (12) and tech support (11).

Community: Our partnership with the NC Rams football team includes a special pre-season presentation by Coach Marinelli at The Inn on Sept. 12th, also a “Seniors’ Night at the Game” on Oct. 21st, as well as two service days provided by the football team for our members.

Donna Simone will host a Village to Village network Webinar on the Assisted Rides program for emerging Villages. Barb will participate in a panel discussion for emerging Villages at the Western Connecticut Leadership Conference. We have received permission to screen the PBS program featuring Atul Gawande's "Being Mortal" for the public at Lapham in November.

Communications: The fall media plan for highlights our Annual Appeal and support for Staying Put from the Rams, as well as the broader volunteer community. Barb’s Op-ed in last week’s Advertiser was about scams directed at seniors. Barb has three topics for upcoming articles: 1) The Annual Appeal; 2) NC Football Team choosing Staying Put as its non-profit philanthropy this year; and 3) Volunteers of all ages helping Staying Put. Barb will also send stories written by the high school interns about Staying Put members and volunteers to the New Canaanite.

Membership: We welcomed two new members in August: Kathy and Bill Johnston. We hosted a farewell reception for dear friends Charlotte and David Brown, who moved to Rhode Island.

Volunteers: There will be a Welcome Back Coffee for volunteers on Sept. 15th.

Events: There were six member events in July with a total of 86 attendees. The highlights were the annual Potluck Picnic at the Woodway Beach Club and the tour of Gores Pavilion by Mid-Century Modern expert Lyn Chivvis.