

Minutes of the 1/14/2019 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:40 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, Carol Blauvelt, Sherman Bull, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Amy Freyre, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Janet Lanaway, Steve Orteig, Lois Sandberg, Donna Simone, Chris Snyder, Tom Stadler

New Board Members: The Board welcomed three new members: Dr. Sherman Bull, Donna Simone and Tom Stadler, who were approved by unanimous written consent of the Board.

Minutes: The November 2018 minutes were approved.

Community Outreach: Necessary Conversations for Adult Children and their Aging Parents is a series of 3 panel discussions Staying Put is sponsoring in collaboration with the Library. The first talk is Jan 16 at 6:30 and will address the Cost of Living Longer. Kathy Collins will be a panelist, along with Sharon Gesek of Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging, and Russ Barksdale, CEO of Waveny LifeCare Network. The other two talks will be held Jan 30 and Feb 13 and will address Options for Downsizing and Independent Senior Housing in New Canaan. Panelists will include Barb Achenbaum, Kevin Moynihan, New Canaan First Selectman, John Engel, and Town Council Member among others.

Membership: The board discussed the possibility of developing a class of membership that would offer access to the vetted vendor list and Staying Put events. Some other Villages do have a class of members, usually called social members, who fit into this category.

Publicity, Communications & Technology: A Staying Put postcard will be developed and used to keep donors and members in touch and up-to-date.

Events: The January 6 Birthday Party had 130 attendees and a performance by Jody Davis and Tenor Mr. Abate. The Annual Meeting will be held on April 28 at St. Mark's Morrill Hall. The Annual Fundraiser will be held on June 27 at Lila Coleman's.

Retiring Board Members: The board thanked the retiring Directors: Priscilla Thomas, Sue Scannell, and Peggy Jay.