

## **Minutes of the 3/19/2019 Staying Put Board Meeting**

4:30 – 5:35 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

**Present:** Barb Achenbaum, Judy Bentley, Carol Blauvelt, Sherman Bull, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Judy Johnson, Donna Simone, Chris Snyder, Tom Stadler; Kathy Collins by invitation.

**Operations:** In February Staying Put members received the following services: 128 rides, 21 care connections, 12 health support, 12 safety support and 7 service provider recommendations.

**Telehealth:** Barb helped TeleHealth 2.0 and Jim Lisher gather Staying Put members to participate in focus groups to determine next steps for TeleHealth. Recommendation based upon the focus groups include: rejuvenating TeleHealth 1.0 rather than go ahead with 2.0. Many participants were skeptical of using a machine – Alexa – for help with diagnosis and for recommendations. There was also a question about privacy. Alexa and other devices seemed too intrusive. People who use TeleHealth now are mostly in their 80's and are used to being SEEN by a doctor, as opposed to being told by Alexa that they have a cold and they are not having a heart attack. Staying Put and TeleHealth are encouraged to do a program at Lapham to increase awareness of both organizations.

**Membership Committee:** Donna Simone has taken over as Chair of Membership Committee, and recruited two new volunteers. Donna plans to call on new members – more than once – to be sure they are comfortable using what Staying Put has to offer.

**Events:** There were 190 attendees at events in February including a panel discussion at the Library on senior housing options and the Hot Diggity Dog Lunch, and the Tea at Donna's. Upcoming events include Les Villiers at Lapham on African Wildlife next Tuesday at 5:30pm, and the March 26 Potluck Dinner at Presbyterian Church at 5pm.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Barb handed out a list of volunteer opportunities and needs. The idea is that volunteers and board members will sign up for these opportunities on a regular basis. For example, Tom Stadler offered to pick up the coffee (at Zumbach's) for the men's coffee on March 12. Other opportunities to help include: greeting guests at events, participating in outreach efforts with community groups and churches, assisting with efforts to thank donors and volunteers, and attending monthly member dinners or lunches and giving rides, as well as helping with placing the order.

**Sign-Up Genius:** Staying Put volunteer, Sharon Pierce, will investigate using Sign-Up Genius to streamline volunteer coordination. Board members and other volunteers will be able to use sign up genius to volunteer for specific events and tasks, whether it be greeting, shopping, or cleaning up.

**Advancement Committee:** This Committee will be developed to plan and execute major events, especially events in the fundraising category. In the near future, such events (although not all of these are fundraisers) include the Annual Meeting, Lila's Luau, the next Birthday Party, and a Luncheon Fundraiser in the spring of 2020.

**New Canaan High School Intern:** A NCHS intern, Adie, will help with tech support and social media. One suggestion involves doing a "carpool karaoke" with a volunteer driver and an Staying Put rider and putting a new video on Facebook once a month.