

## **Minutes of the 5/14/18 Staying Put Board Meeting**

4:30 – 5:30 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday May 14 at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

**Present:** Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Amy Freyre, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Kathy Pasternak, Lois Sandberg, Priscilla Thomas

**Annual Meeting and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** will kick off with Barb Achenbaum welcoming the group and reading some of David Brown's memorable notes on aging and the genesis of SP. Judy Bentley will read the list of founders. Congressman Jim Himes will present Ellie O'Neill with an award and Kevin Moynihan will read a proclamation. Kevin will also talk about aging in New Canaan, perhaps senior housing and transportation.

**Events:** Kathy Collins is moderating a program on preventing elder scams on Monday May 21 at 6:30. Officer Thomas Patten (New Canaan Police Department), Pete Stair (AARP's Fraud Watch Network), and Angela DeLeon (a specialist from United Bank Crime Prevention) will be on the panel.

**Membership:** Amy Freyre has joined the committee. The Committee makes calls to members to encourage them to attend events. Memberships for elders who are alone and isolated are important. Informational sessions in condo associations and collaborations with Lapham and Health and Human Services may provide outreach to elders who are alone and isolated and raise awareness of the benefits of a Staying Put membership.

**Communications:** The newsletter included a page listing the SP Volunteers.

**Volunteers:** Staying Put hosted a luncheon for office volunteers and reviewed office policies and procedures. An email was sent to volunteer drivers requesting updated license and insurance information.

**Outreach to Adult Children:** COPE has 30 Facebook members. Kathy Irwin is inviting more people onto the COPE page.

**Future Needs:** SP anticipates more transportation needs as members age. Transportation during evening hours and on weekends is difficult need to fill.

**Events:** Sixteen members attended the trip to the New Canaan High School Planetarium. The Potluck Supper at the Presbyterian Church was attended by 37. The Men's coffee has been attended by 10-12 in recent months. The "Write your own obituary" with help from Pat Stoddard was attended by 15. Upcoming Events include the Tenth Anniversary Party and the Memorial Day Parade.