

## **Minutes of the 7/9/18 Staying Put Board Meeting**

4:40 – 5:30 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, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly DeFrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Amy Freyre, Chris Hussy, Cathy Irwin, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Sue Scannell

**June Fundraiser:** Jazz at Joan's was a huge success. Special thanks to Amy Freyre and her Jazz at Joan's committee for doing a terrific job. The volunteers were also terrific. Coach Lou Marinelli brought a crew of football players to help with set up. Additional football players and boy scouts from Troop 70 came later to help with clean up. Staying Put will ask Lou about having the team help at the three big events during the year (in January, April, and June).

The party was postponed by one day due to weather. Only four guests were unable to attend the rain date. It was suggested that we have a scheduled rain date for future events. The board also discussed holding the event on a Thursday evening. It was also suggested Staying Put develop a committee for each major event, preferably with some non-Board members. This would be a subset of the Volunteer Committee.

**Assistive Technology:** Rep Tom O'Dea (who helped Staying Put in 2008 to become a 501c 3) is building a task force to develop the use of in-home health technology for elders. Other people on the task force include Carol McDonald, Judy Dunn, Bethany Zaro, Jim Lisher, Kevin Moynihan, and Dr. John Santopietro of Silver Hill Hospital. Staying Put hosted the first two meetings. The group is looking to expand the Telehealth project to 300 participants.

**Interns:** Staying Put continues to benefit from the high school internship program. Kathy Fatoullah worked on at least 20 different projects.

**Communication:** Ellen Patch is working on updating the online newsletter and designing a new logo to be used once the ten-year logo has run its course. The new logo will be used in articles published in the NCAdvertiser. The Town Greeter, Stephanie Radman and Sam Loomis, will make good use of it as well.

The website is a key factor for success in reaching out to adult sons and daughters of aging parents. The website averages 800 hits per month. Barb requested board members to visit and like the Staying Put website. The website may add a tab specifically for adult sons and daughters who need help during the transition in the parent-child relationship.

**Events:** Events in June were attended by a total of 195 people. Jazz at Joan's was attended by 102; other events included Donna's Patio Planting, a lunch and fun presentation on Australia, and the men's coffee. It is hoped Board members will be more involved and attend as many events as possible, as this is helpful to the staff and with transportation. The Getabout might be used for evening events. The Getabout charges \$40 an hour.

**COPE (Caring for Our Parents Everywhere):** Is still in its infancy, and has posted some articles. Another brainstorming session will be held to help develop this Facebook page.