

Minutes of the 1/9/17 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:23 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday Jan 9 at 4:30 pm at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, Lyn Chivvis, Lila Coleman, Kelly Defrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Patti Geanakos, Nancy Helle, Chris Hussey, Cathy Irwin, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg

Operations: Requests in December were up in all categories. SP had 52 volunteers who gave 40 members rides covering 1688 miles and 116 hours of volunteer time.

Total requests for the year of 2016 were 4315, which was slightly lower than in 2015. However, ride requests were up by 7% over the previous year. Many requests are not recorded because they are filled by Care Connection volunteers or by Angel Volunteers and go unreported.

Outreach: 17 people have signed up for the Information Tea at LeeFair. LeeFair has approximately 80 units, and some of the occupants are donors, and some are members.

Events: SP had 5 Events in December with 100 attendees. The Frog Tree Lunch and Volunteer Tea were attended by 40 members and/or volunteers. The SP Birthday Party on Jan 8 had the most attendees ever: 138 guests. They came to have a chance to honor Donna Simone. During the winter months these will be lunches rather than dinners. Also SP will meet for lunches every other Friday at Grace Farms during the winter. The June Fundraiser will be at Lila's on June 25.

Publicity: Nancy's article in the NC Advertiser was given Lots of Space, as was Barb's guest column. The upcoming SP Newsletter will honor Donna Simone.