

Minutes of the 2/13/17 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:22 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday Feb 13 at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, Carol Blauvelt, Lyn Chivvis, Kelly Defrancesco, Nancy Helle, Chris Hussey, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Steve Orteig, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell, Cynn timer Yates

Operations: Forty-nine Volunteers gave 318 rides to 38 members. There were several requests for Home Maintenance, which is also typical in January.

Transportation: for SP members (and senior citizens in general) continues to be an important topic, and Barb and Judy met with John Bitting, Kevin Moynihan and Dan McEvoy from the Getabout Board to talk about collaboration. SP & Getabout could coordinate Friday rides to and from Lapham as well as to the hairdressers in town. Friday's can be very busy with many SP members so used to their weekly trip to get their hair done!

Interns: SP will have four high school seniors as interns this spring. The students will be asked to process data on the elders who live in Town and how to get ahold of them to tell them about SP.

Events: January was a busy month with a total of 228 attendees to the various events. The Birthday Party at St. Mark's was well-attended by 138 members – of course they all wanted a chance to give Donna a Big Hug and Thank You. Fourteen attended Tom Ferguson's presentation on his trip to Italy and enjoyed pizza and cannolis for lunch. The Valentine Tea at Donna's was attended by 28 members.

Membership: It was noted that 20% of SP members are now in their 90's. On March 27 SP will host a potluck dinner called "Marching into your 90's with a spring in your step!" to honor our 90+ year-olds. The supper will be at the Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers: The next coffee for Volunteers is Thursday, Feb 16 at 9:30 in the Larry Brown Room.

Other important dates for your calendars:

Annual Meeting will be held at St. Mark's on April 30

The June FUNdraiser will be at Lila's on June 25th