

Minutes of the 5/8/17 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:30 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday May 8 at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Judy Bentley, Carol Blauvelt, Lyn Chivvis, Lila Coleman, Kelly DeFrancesco, Tom Ferguson, Patti Geanakos, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Peggy Jay, Judy Johnson, Janet Lanaway, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Lois Sandberg, Sue Scannell

Operations: Lee Barnes will help Barb with the Strategic Planning process.

Advisory Council: The SP Advisory Council met in April. Next year SP will celebrate its tenth year. SP opened its doors in January 2008. The idea of holding 10 activities/talks/seminars was approved. A celebratory lunch was also approved. Pat Stoddard and Ellie O'Neill will help coordinate and plan for the 10th Anniversary.

Membership: Nicola has been helping the Membership Committee identify members who would benefit from calls or visits from the Membership Committee.

Transportation: Barb met with Getabout's Kevin Monahan and Jono Bitting. Last month GetAbout did 21 rides for SP. GetAbout does about 12K rides a year. Carol Blauvelt gave the Board an update on Transportation. She will attend two meetings in May: one is a coalition of the Fairfield County "Villages," and the other will be a brainstorming meeting with Health and Human Services, NCCF, and GetAbout. Questions of how to fill the gaps in rides to things like movies, dinners out, programs at the library in the evenings, the Town Players, will be discussed. Using Uber and Lyft will be discussed. De-mystifying Uber would be a good Lunch and Learn topic for SP.

Publicity Committee: The committee will be working on a new SP brochure with up-to-date photos. Lois will be helping with Publicity for the 10th Anniversary celebrations; she has dubbed the 10 lecture series the **TEN Talks!** SP will ask Channel 79 to show the series.

Member Survey: Survey Monkey will be used to collate and tally the results from the survey that was collected at the Annual Meeting. There were 51 surveys returned, every one was either "extremely satisfied" or "mostly satisfied" with SP.

Volunteers: This past year SP enjoyed help from several local organizations: National Charity Leagues, the NCHS football and ice hockey teams, and the Youth Group of the Congregational Church.

Events: Events in April were attended by a total of 231 people. The End of Life Planning Panel at the Presbyterian Church was attended by 45. Phil Ives Lunch and Learn presentation on Birds was attended by 31. The June 25 party at Lila's is a Hawaiian Luau theme with Chef Jeff catering and Uncle Zac providing entertainment. The tickets will be sold for \$50 each and SP will be asking for sponsors. The Sidewalk Sale. The summer Picnic at Woodway Beach Club will be on Aug 8, with a raindate of Aug 9.

Other: Kathy P will write a letter to the local estate attorneys to describe SP to the group. Judy B and Kathy P met with the 2 local National Charity Leagues.

The next board meeting will be at Barb Achenbaum's on June 12. The Advisory Council will join the Board for the meeting.