

Minutes of the November 11, 2014 Staying Put Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Staying Put took place on Monday, July 14 at 4:30 pm in the Parlor at the Congregational Church of New Canaan.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. The minutes of the October 14th Board Meeting were approved. President Tom Ferguson presented Judy Johnson as a candidate for the Board. She was unanimously approved and welcomed into the meeting.

Executive Director Barb Achenbaum reported that there were 345 requests for services in October. There were 258 requests for rides and members received a total of 387 rides (including round-trips). Forty-two volunteers gave rides to 49 members, translating into 120 donated hours and 1802 miles. There were 87 non-ride related requests in October, including 23 requests for home maintenance, especially in preparation for winter, a record 12 tech requests and 22 in-home visits, primarily to a few members in critical situations.

Barb shared that the reception for both new and prospective volunteers on October 2nd was attended by an estimated 70 individuals, including 14 Board members. About 20 attendees were new or prospective volunteers, to whom further outreach efforts will be made.

Treasurer Tom Turrentine reviewed the October financial statements. The Finance Committee will convene on November 24th. Tom and Treasurer-elect Janet Lanaway have begun the transition process.

Judy Bentley gave a fundraising update, reporting that the Annual Appeal containing 1330 letters was mailed on October 29th.

Barb reported that plans for the Birthday Party on January 11th are underway. Morrill Hall at the St. Mark's Church has been reserved and the Park Street Singers will be performing. Staying Put has been cooperating with Jim Lisher and the HHS Department as they prepare for Year 2 of the Telehealth project. Assistant Director Donna Simone identified some potential candidates from our membership and the group is conducting their interviews in the Staying Put offices.

George Brakeley reported that he continues to work to organize information for the Staying Put Archive. Patti Geanakos will be assisting with identifying potential platforms.

Peggy Jay reported that the Membership Committee did not meet this month, but that plans are underway to do more recruitment efforts at Walter Stewarts and other local retailers.

Nancy Helle shared that the New Canaan News story on volunteer drivers has generated some interest among residents in getting involved. The Advertiser has committed to running a similar story in November.

Highlights of the seven October events were the lovely luncheon at Lois Sandberg's scarily appointed home and the member dinner at Dolce.

The meeting closed at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Achenbaum
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