

Minutes of the 7/11/16 Staying Put Board Meeting

4:30 – 5:20 pm meeting of the Board of Staying Put in New Canaan took place on Monday, at The Congregational Church of New Canaan.

Present: Barb Achenbaum, Betsy Afragola, Judy Bentley, George Brakeley, Lyn Chivvis, Lila Coleman, Tom Ferguson, Nancy Helle, Cathy Irwin, Phil Ives, Judy Johnson, Steve Orteig, Kathy Pasternak, Joel Pelzner, Priscilla Thomas

Operations: The Lobsterfest is Sept 23rd and 24th; Staying Put gets \$15 for every ticket sold through Staying Put.

Barb told the Board that the Kindful program was really helpful in printing out the Annual Appeal letters. Cathy Fitzpatrick and Patti have been invaluable in running Kindful.

There were 247 ride requests in August, which Cathy Fitzpatrick managed to fill in spite of many of the Valuable Volunteers Vacationing in August.

Publicity: Barb's Op-ed in last week's NCAdvertiser was about scams directed at seniors; the one pretending to be the IRS is especially onerous, and even some Board members have received letters threatening prison if the recipient does not respond. Barb has three topics for upcoming articles for The Advertiser: 1) The SP Annual Appeal is to be mailed; 2) NC Football Team has chosen SP as its local philanthropy this year; 3) Volunteers of all ages help SP.

Donna Simone will run a webinar about SP's rides program and Assisted Rides for the Village-to-village network. The webinar will be geared toward new member villages. Barb will be speaking at the National V2V Conference in Columbus and in Hartford.

Community Outreach: The NCHS Football team has adopted SP as its charitable partner this year, thanks to Priscilla's daughter, Amy Freyre. The team will give SP members two service days – helping move furniture, rake leaves etc – in October. Seniors' Night at the Game will be on Oct 21, with recognition given to Staying Put and what the organization has done to help seniors stay safely in the community.

St. Aloysius wants to collaborate on services for seniors, including lunches and rides. Carrie Sindelar is the contact at St. A's.

Membership: The committee has been calling new members to welcome them, to see if they have any questions. They also check to be sure that SP is filling the needs for which they joined.

Events: Events in August were numerous and fun. The heat and humidity curtailed the lunch bunch in Mead Park on Fridays.

Upcoming Events: Doug Zumbach's talk on the history of coffee is scheduled for Tuesday Sept the 20th. Staying Put is sponsoring the screening of Being Mortal at Lapham on Nov 16 from 12:30 – 2pm. It was recommended that people read the book prior to seeing the movie. Phil Ives has volunteered to give another bird talk, but not until the spring when the birds are in full song. And Tom Ferguson will give a slide show about his and Karen's trip to Sicily and Naples in the winter.

Lapham is having a Birthday party and cake Wed Sept 14 at 3pm to celebrate its 20th year. The New Canaan Men's Club has offered tickets to the group's trip to Hyde Park.

Volunteers: There will be a Thank You Coffee for Volunteers in the Larry Brown Room this Thurs, Sept 15. There are 29 Volunteers who call 32 members for Care Connections. When asked if anyone had concerns about their riders, some Vol's mentioned the members who always ask for yet another stop on the way home. Please remember it is up to the driver to decide whether or not they have the time and energy to make these extra stops.