

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

February 22nd 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST.

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Steve Masakowski	Karen Rejician	Joe Maloney
Palmira Miller	Paul Jarecki	Mary Margaret Kashatus	Fay Maloney
Mary Jo Evans	Heidi Selecky Jarecki	Pat Cannon	

I. *President*, Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. At the time, it was noted that only nine members were present, including officers. As per the by-laws, ten members are needed for a forum. Fay Maloney made a motion to continue the meeting with nine members, seconded by Pat Cannon, with all voting in favor. Tom then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded with the order of business. It should also be noted that two additional members came to the meeting at a later time.

II. In absents of Secretary, Linda Conner, the *1st Vice President*, Palmira read the minutes from the meeting of February 8th 2011. Pat made a motion that the minutes be accepted with minor corrections and placed on file; seconded by Karen, with all voting in favor.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski was vacationing in the Caribbean, no report was submitted.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*,

- a) Heidi received 4 communications
 - 1) Margaret Forgach sent a \$20 donation with a “thanx for the newsletter”.
 - 2) A voice mail from Charles Shoemaker would like to advertise in the newsletter. Tom will inform Bill, and Joe Maloney will contact Charles for the ad.
 - 3) Ed Rogowicz would like to renew his membership and receive a newsletter. Tom will contact Ed.
 - 4) Mrs. Rinehamer from the Senior Center in Nanticoke, is requesting yarn, for volunteers, who make lap robes for the homebound in our area.
 - Tom stated he approached the management of the Senior Center five (5) times to submit an article for the newsletter.
- b) Mary Margaret received a card from Marie Cardone thanking the organization for the sympathy card.
- c) Palmira received the 2010 Great American Cleanup Report which was put out for review.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership – Tom reported that there are currently 43 paid members and 3 junior members. Heidi volunteered to be a co-chair.
- b) Citizenship Award – Members reviewed and discussed the criteria submitted by Heidi, revisions will be submitted at the next meeting. Tom thanked Heidi for taking on this project.
- c) New Business Committee – Tom stated once the date is set by our state representative everything should fall into place for the ribbon cutting of the new convenience store at 22 West Main Street in Glen Lyon.
 - Karen informed the group that drug paraphernalia is being sold at the new store. Many tobacco stores and specialty stores sell these items which are not illegal.
- d) Hospitality – Nothing to report

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) Tom submitted a budget for review. Heidi and Paul will review budget with the Board of Directors. Tom feels the Board of Directors should develop the budget and submit it to the Officers for review. The budget should be approved at an annual meeting.
- b) Tom is waiting on the Board of Directors to determine terms of office for the trustees.
- c) Tom and Bill went to Lewisburg to pick up the second picnic table for the Coal St. playground in Glen Lyon. Both tables and bench are being stored until the spring.
- d) Heidi is still working with Bill Piccone for the presentation testament to Olga Trotsky.
- e) Mary Margaret has everything in place to prepare and serve the homeless this Saturday, February 26th, at St Adalbert’s Church. Volunteers are asked to work between the hours of 1pm to 8pm.
- f) Heidi will set a date for Mike Yalch Jr. to present “Mining in Newport Township”. Tom will look into a projector. Once a date is set, Mike will present at the beginning of NTCO’s meeting.

VII. *New Business*

- a) The Consolidated Fire Department will purchase a “Moonwalk”.
- b) Members discussed and will support Scott Neff and his family for the TV show, Extreme Makeover.
- c) Tom asked for a chairperson for the Fall Festival. He mentioned a wine festival and monster trucks. Karen asked if anyone knew why the Police Department didn’t show up at last year’s festival.
- d) John Farrell knows someone who has old pictures to share. Tom will contact John.

VIII. *Good of the Organization*

- a) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. *Adjournment*

Faye made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Pat, with all voting in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Submitted by: Palmira Gregory Miller