

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

March 8, 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST.

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

## Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Francis E. Zola	Karen Rejician	Joe Maloney
Palmira Miller	Lucy Wazowicz	Mary Margaret Kashatus	Fay Maloney
Mary Jo Evans	Heidi Selecky Jarecki	Pat Cannon	William P. Goureza
Carol Marcincavage	John Jarecki		

**I. *President*** Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. Tom then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded with the order of business.

**II. *Treasurer*** Francis Zaleski, because he was ailing and would leave early, gave the Treasurer's Report: the Community Organization has total reserves of \$7,991.00, a check book balance of \$13,179.62, and petty cash of \$100, amounting to a total of \$21,270.62; income for the period from February 8 to March 8 totaled \$1,699.42 and disbursements for the same period totaled \$1,265.00. Heidi made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Pat seconded it, with all voting in favor.

**III.** In absence of Secretary Linda Conner, the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer John Jarecki read the minutes from the meeting of February 22, 2011. Faye made a motion that the minutes be accepted and placed on file; Mary Margaret seconded it, with all voting in favor.

## **IV. *Reading of the Bill's & Communication,***

- a) Tom received a letter from the Newport Township Little league asking us if we wanted to place the Organization's sign at the Little League field for another year. Heidi made a motion to renew the sign and Mary Jo seconded it, with all voting in favor.
- b) Tom received a letter from the Greater Nanticoke Area baseball coach Dean Meyers asking for a contribution toward a pitching machine and a batting cage. Tom said he would like to get further information before we act.
- c) Tom received a thank you from Henry Turchanik, President of the Glen Lyon Knights of Columbus, for our contribution to the upkeep of their hall.
- d) Tom received an e-mail from television station WNEP asking the us if we would like to appear as a group in short video on the show "Good Morning America." Everyone was willing to appear.
- e) Tom received an e-mail from Harley Davis, a 1965 graduate of Newport High School who has purchased a number of membership cards in the United Mine Workers union. These cards once belonged to men working the Wannie mine. He would like to return them to the men's families. Heidi said she would contact him.
- f) Tom received a letter from the South Valley Chamber of Commerce announcing that they will sponsor a flea market on Saturday April 9 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the West Side Playground in Nanticoke.

## **V. *Reports of Committees***

- a) Membership – Tom reported that there are currently 103 paid members and 3 junior members.
- b) Citizenship – Members decided that, in addition to the chairperson Heidi, the Citizenship Committee should have two other members, one of which would be the First Vice President and the other to be appointed by Tom. Members discussed details of how the Citizenship Award would be given. The members agreed that 1) the Organization would present the award once a year at the Organization's dinner meeting in December, 2) that anyone can make a nomination, 3) that the award can be given to both residents and non-residents as long as they work for the benefit of the Township, 4) that the nomination should contain a statement of why the nominee should be given the award, 5) that nominations for the award to be given in any December should be made by the previous October 31, 6) that the recipient would receive a plaque costing up to \$100, 7) that the organization would place a plaque listing all winners at its primary meeting place (Knight's of Columbus Hall in Glen Lyon), 8) that we would give the recipient a dinner for two at our Dinner Meeting, and 9) that Heidi could also choose to give the recipient Newport memorabilia.
- c) Hospitality – Mary Margaret will send a card to Linda Connor, who has missed two meetings because of illness.
- d) New Business Committee – The Grand Opening for the MJ Food Market is now scheduled for Thursday March 10 at 4:00 pm. John will place articles on the opening in both our newsletter and the newspapers.
- e) Great American Cleanup – Andy from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) will come to the Township soon to look at illegal dumpsites. The PEC will help us clean them up during our cleanup period in April. Jackie from the Earth Conservancy (EC) is working the PEC on illegal cleanups. She will also ask Earth Conservancy CEO Mike Dziak if we can place dumpsters on EC land near St. Nicolas Cemetery during our April cleanup.

## **VI. *Unfinished Old Business***

- a) Tom said that the members should look at the proposed budget he sent by e-mail, and that the Board of Directors should get comfortable with the process of proposing and approving the budget. Since we are a 501 (c) 3 organization, he said, we are required to adopt a budget.
- b) Mary Margaret reported that the cost of our contribution to the Holy Spirit Parish VISION program was \$268.05, but that, since we received a donation for \$125 for the program, our net cost was \$143.05.
- c) Tom said that we are still in the process of getting a printer for the newsletter. We will get information on both buying and leasing and about insurance against such things as fire. We are planning to get a lower priced used machine.

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- d) The Editorial Board, Tom said, should review the newsletter before printing; Joe will review the ads before printing because of his involvement in getting the ads; he will now collect ad money.
- e) The Nanticoke senior citizens group uses yarn to make lap robes. Mrs. Rinehamer, a member of the group, asked us to put a request for contributions of yarn in our newsletter.

**VII. *New Business***

- a) We discussed Murph Fletchers' resignation from the Recreation Board.
- b) Tom told us about his discussion with John Rogers, head of the company that now runs the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau. Tom explained how the Bureau handles abandoned buildings and told us about Mr. Rodgers' explanation of why the dilapidated house at the corner of Spring and Coal Streets in Glen Lyon has remained unsold for so many years.

**VIII. *Good of the Organization***

- a) There was no discussion.

**IX. *Adjournment***

Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Faye, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki