

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

May 10th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus
Palmira Miller
Bill Hourigan
Francis Zaleski

Linda Conner
Faye Maloney
Joe Maloney
Cathy Goliash

Karen Rejician
Heidi Selecky Jarecki
Paul Jarecki
John Jarecki

Carol Marcincavage
Steve Masakowski
Mary Margaret Kashatus
Chris Todd

Guests:

Lucy Wazowicz
Jamie Daniele
Krystal Daniele
Max Daniele
Sarina Kinlaw

I. *President*, Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to proceeding with the order of business, Tom introduced guest attendees; Jamie, Krystal and Max Daniele and Sarina Kinlaw.

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of April 12th 2011 and the meeting of April 26th 2011 that had been taken by President Tom Kashatus. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the minutes of April 12th with minor corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the minutes from April 26th with minor corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report from April 26th 2011 (copy needed). Faye Maloney made a motion that the report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Palmira Miller, with all voting in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*

- a) It was announced that the Newport Township Community Organization has been selected as a finalist in the Environmental category for the 2011 Community Awards program sponsored by the Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center. The event will be held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort on Thursday, June 9th 2011. Linda Conner made a motion that Palmira Miller accept the award on behalf of NTCO; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus. Palmira declined. The motion was amended that those attending the event would accept the award as a team, Palmira included. This was voted in favor of. Steve Masakowski made a motion that the organization cover the cost of the event for those in attendance. This was amended by Francis Zaleski that the organization would cover the cost for up to five (5) attendees @ \$35.00 apiece; seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor
- b) A donation of \$100.00 was received from Don Challis. It was made known by Tom that Mr. Challis had accidentally broken Palmira's camera at the Earth Day Event held at Lowe's Improvement Center on April 23rd. Tom further stated that he would like the organization to cover the expense of purchasing a new camera for Palmira. Carol Marcincavage made a motion that the organization allow up to \$125.00 for the costs; seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- c) A letter from Chief Robert Impaglia of the Newport Township Police Department was read asking for monetary assistance in the purchase of two (2) M16 assault rifles. The total cost with shipping is \$606.26. After some discussion, Bill Hourigan made a motion for the organization to cover the cost of one rifle; seconded by Francis Zaleski. Francis then made a motion to halt any further discussion and vote on the purchase; Joe Maloney seconded. President Tom Kashatus stated that if anyone wanted to be heard he would allow it. With no interest in further discussion, Tom allowed the vote, which passed unanimously on both counts.
- d) It was announced that Luzerne County would be holding its' annual Electronic Recycling Program on Saturday, June 11th 2011. Eligible items are to be taken to the Hanover Area High School between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Tom let it be known that he will be picking up items for the collection and asked that anyone interested contact him.
- e) It was reminded that the Mother's Day festivities at the Guardian Elder Care Center that began on May 8th would continue thru the end of the week. A monetary donation towards the event was voted on at the previous meeting.
- f) A letter was read from Leona Kowalski, Chairwoman of the annual Memorial Weekend bazaar held jointly by the Newport Township Fire Department and Little League asking for monetary support. A donation of \$100 was approved at the previous meeting.
- g) An invoice was received from the South Valley Chamber of Commerce for our portion of the cost of the continental breakfast held April 15th to meet the judicial candidates of Luzerne County. Tom suggested that NTCO pay \$150.00, which was the agreed amount of our initial commitment. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to pay \$150.00; seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- h) Tom Kashatus presented an invoice for out-of-pocket expense of \$18.44 for the purchase of fasteners used on the NTCO plaques. Francis Zaleski made a motion to reimburse Tom for the amount of \$18.44; seconded by Palmira Miller, with all voting in favor.
- i) Bill Hourigan presented an invoice for out-of-pocket expense of \$146.25 (includes sales tax) for the purchase of black ink used in the initial printing of the Spring Newsletter. Joe Maloney made a motion to reimburse Bill for the amount of \$146.25; seconded by Palmira Miller, with all voting in favor.
- j) It was announced that Representative Gerald Mullery would hold an event to honor Sergeant James Horning, recruiter for the 109th Field Artillery based in Nanticoke. Sgt. Horning took it upon himself to replace the graver markers that were stolen from the veterans' graves at the cemeteries in Glen Lyon. The event will be held Monday, May 30th at the American Legion in Glen Lyon. Tom stated that Rep. Mullery honored NTCO by personally requesting attendance of our members at the event.

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- k) A presentation was made by Krystal Daniele and Sarina Kinlaw who are proposing to hold a walk for the fight against breast cancer and have asked for assistance from NTCO. The “We Do Care” Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be held on Saturday, June 11 in Wanamie with a tentative start time of 11am. 100% of the profit will go the cancer research. Palmira Miller made a motion for NTCO to contribute \$100 towards the event; seconded by Steve Masakowski, with all voting in favor. Many suggestions from members were made to the girls and John Jarecki volunteered to assist with publicity for the event.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus will sponsor new member, Maurice Cardone. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member; seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor. 2011 membership stands at 129. Tom Kashatus will sponsor new, junior members: Ariel Brabant, Shelly Miller and Madison Cunningham. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion to accept the three new, junior members; seconded by Carol Marcincavage, with all voting in favor. 2011 Junior Membership stands at 6.
- b) Recycling – Steve Masakowski highly recommended that the hard drive be removed from computers being turned over for the Electronics Recycling Program. Tom stated that he would remind anyone who calls him for pick-up.
- c) Hospitality – Mary Margaret Kashatus reports that a card was sent to Joe Miller who is recuperating at John Heinz Rehabilitation Center after surgery. A card was sent to the family of Russ Sager in sympathy of his passing.
- d) Editorial – Tom has questioned if there are any unpaid ads from the Winter Newsletter. Editor Bill Hourigan stated that he and Joe Maloney plan on looking into the matter.
- e) Great American Clean Up – Palmira Miller stated that she would present the report when all totals have been finalized.

VI. Unfinished Old Business (*“Unfinished” items with new discussion only*)

- a) The two picnic tables purchased by NTCO have been installed at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. As to the installation of park bench, Tom stated that the Newport Township Recreation Board must first decide upon its’ location.
- b) Linda Conner stated that she and Heidi Jarecki would be meeting with Russ and John Brassington of the *Old Newport Decal & Design Shop* in Sheatown regarding the printing of hats, shirts and hoodies for the organization. The formal proposal will be presented for approval.
- c) Palmira stated that she is in possession of the printer and office supplies donated by former resident, Patricia Caley Tredway.
- d) Tom would like to have the 5-Point Plan reestablished by July 2011.
- e) Heidi Jarecki stated the she is working with Mike Yalch Jr. on scheduling a date for his presentation of “Mining in Newport Township”.

VII. New Business

- a) With regards to the Annual Meeting of Board Directors, Steve Masakowski stated that believes an officer of the organization should set the date of meeting. Tom disagreed and stated that it was the responsibility of the Board of Directors to schedule the Annual Meeting.
- b) It has been suggested that NTCO use a Post Office Box for its’ official address. Steve Masakowski made it known that the IRS will not accept a PO Box address and that NTCO would need to establish both an official and mailing address. Tom feels that this matter needs further discussion.
- c) John Jarecki and Carol Marcincavage have met with the office staff of Representative Gerald Mullery to discuss the services provided to the public by his office. An article is planned for the Summer Newsletter.
- d) Palmira Miller stated that attended a training seminar from NCAC on the “Introduction to Corporate Giving”. She suggested that perhaps NTCO would benefit from having a corporate sponsor.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) As editor, Bill Hourigan stated that he is always looking for article of interest for the newsletters.
- b) President Tom Kashatus vows that he will always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- c) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Submitted by: *Linda Conner*