

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

June 14th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Joe Maloney	Chris Todd	Heidi Selecky Jarecki
Bill Hourigan	Faye Maloney	Steven Masakowski	Lucy Wazowicz (guest)
Francis Zaleski	Karen Rejician	Caroline Rand DeStefano	
Linda Conner	Mary Margaret Kashatus	Paul Jarecki	

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

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of May 24th 2011. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Chris Todd, with all voting in favor.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report from May 24th 2011. Faye Maloney made a motion that the report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Caroline DeStefano, with all voting in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*

- a) A note was received by Stanley Domzalski, Newport Township graduate of 1963, commending NTCO for the work it is doing within the township.
- b) An announcement was received by the Newport Township Crime Watch regarding their annual "Night Out" to be held at the Wanamie Recreation Center on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5pm to 8pm. A monetary donation was requested to help with the event. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that \$100.00 be given; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor. Karen Rejician asked that she be contacted by anyone interested in donating baked items for the bake sale.
- c) An announcement was received regarding the 13th Annual Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation conference to be held at the Genetti Best Western Lodge in Hazleton on Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th. NTCO is the recipient of the 2009 EPCAMR Partnership award. Tom asked that further discussion be tabled until a meeting closer to the event date.
- d) It was announced that NTCO was awarded 1st place honors in the environmental category for the 2011 Community Awards program sponsored by the Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center. Tom Kashatus, Palmira Gregory Miller, Bill Hourigan and Paul & Heidi Jarecki attended the event on June 9th and were on hand to collect the award on behalf of the organization. An article from the "*Times Leader*" newspaper regarding the event was available for viewing at the meeting.
- e) An announcement was made regarding a presentation to be made on rheumatoid arthritis by Dr. Thomas Olenginski at the Rose Tucker Senior Center in Nanticoke on Thursday, June 23rd starting at 10am. Dr. Olenginski, who was born and raised in Glen Lyon, is currently with *Geisinger Medical Group* in Danville.
- f) An announcement was received regarding a bicycle race for kids' to be held at Patriots Square in Nanticoke on Saturday, June 25th between 10am and 2pm. NTCO will sponsor a craft table for the kids at the event. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion to have a basket of Newport Township memorabilia to chance at our table; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. As always, volunteers are welcome.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership – NTCO welcomes new members: Jim McDermott, Joseph Saskiel, Stanley Domzalski, Marion Evans, corporate member South Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Junior member Steven Valenti. 2011 membership stands at 135 members with Junior Membership standing at 6 members.
- b) Recycling – Tom reported that he received word from Earth Conservancy Inc. that space will be made available at the Newport Township Compost Center for NTCO to keep the trailer that will be purchased for our recycling program. Tom has been comparing features and prices on 5x8 and 5x10 trailers. Tom also reported that Maria Roke Thomas contacted him about metals to be recycled at the property(s) of her late father, Nello Roke. Finally, it was reported that over 2,500 pounds of electronics were picked up locally and delivered to the recycling site.
- c) Hospitality – It was reported that Mrs. Blasi is now a guest at Guardian Elder Care. A card will be sent by the organization wishing her well.
- d) Editorial – It was reported by Joe Maloney that the Spring 2011 newsletter had 39 ads. Of that total, 6 were free, 18 have been paid in full and 15 have been billed and are awaiting payment. Tom has asked that the Winter 2010 newsletter be researched for any unpaid ads remaining. Joe also reported that Maps Restaurant in Nanticoke should receive a free ad to reflect their new business card as the old card was advertised in error. Caroline DeStefano made a motion for the free ad; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- e) Great American Clean Up – In the absence of Palmira Miller, a presentation on the event was not made. However, the final report was made available for viewing at the meeting.

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- f) Fundraising – It was previously reported that the Alden Company Store had been chosen as the 4th in the series of collectible miniatures (*The Cats Meow*) of historic township sites. Heidi Jarecki made a preview of the design available for viewing at the meeting of June 14th.

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

- a) Linda Conner made a brief presentation on the proposal for the printing of new hats, shirts and hoodies from the *Old Newport Decal & Design Shop* in Sheatown. A tee shirt featuring the chosen artwork and slogan was made available for viewing. There are a few corrections to be made before final presentation and group approval.
- b) The annual Fall Festival is still in need of a chair and co-chair person to organize the event.
- c) Regarding the park bench that remains to be installed at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon, Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that they attended the meeting of the Newport Township Recreation Board held earlier in the evening and that Scott Chatley should be contacted as to the site location for the bench.
- d) Harley Davis of Heritage Antiques in Dallas is in possession of the old, union cards that were issued to local employees of the coal company. Harley, a 1965 graduate of Newport Township, would like to return the cards to family members that remain in the area. An article on the matter will be featured in the summer newsletter.
- e) With the decision made for NTCO to assist the Newport Township Police Department by purchasing one of the two needed M-16 rifles, Tom reports that the second rifle will be purchased by the local chapter of the Lion’s Club. However, there is some discrepancy with regards to shipping as NTCO has agreed to pay shipping costs and the Lion’s Club has not. Tom was surprised that of the Newport Township commissioners, only John Zyla was aware that the Police Department was purchasing the weapons.
- f) There was a brief discussion at the previous meeting regarding the *Spooky Off Road Riders* and their assistance with our recent clearing of some local, illegal dumpsites. As both groups have a similar agenda regarding the area, Tom would like to see NTCO pursue a mutual agreement with the club for the future.

VII. New Business

- a) While the theft of the metal service markers from the veterans’ graves at the Glen Lyon cemeteries was well publicized, the same theft from the Newport Center Cemetery was not. This matter has come to the attention of US ARMY Staff Sergeant James Horning, who was recently honored for replacing the markers in Glen Lyon. Sergeant Horning has now offered his assistance in obtaining replacements for the markers stolen from Newport Center.
- b) Tom would like the organization to establish rules regarding the contribution policy towards deceased members. Mary Margaret Kashatus has been appointed to look into the matter and report back to the group with her suggestions.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) Vice President, Palmira Gregory Miller is attending a seminar on abandoned mines the evening of June 14th and may have a report for the next meeting.
- b) The sponsorship of new members and contribution of ideas for future fundraising events is the responsibility of all members.
- c) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- d) 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 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner