

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 9th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Joe Maloney	Paul Jarecki	Mary Jo Evans
Palmira Miller	John Jarecki	Faye Maloney	Heidi Selecky Jarecki	Sharon Julius (guest)
Bill Hourigan	Carol Marcincavage	Mary Margaret Kashatus		

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 July 26th 2011. Mary Jo Evans made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

III. In the absence of **Treasurer** Francis Zaleski, **President** Tom Kashatus presented the treasurers report of July 26th 2011. Joe Maloney made a motion that the report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

Prior to the reading of the **Bills & Communications**, **President** Tom Kashatus introduce guest attendee, Sharon Julius.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communication

- A letter was received from Vicki Frace, Director of the *Mill Memorial Library* in Nanticoke requesting a monetary donation in support of the library, which has faced significant cuts in state funding. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion that a monetary donation of \$100.00 be given to the library; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- It was announced that the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* in conjunction with the *Newport Township Fire Dept.* will hold the 5th Annual POW WOW & Gathering of the People on Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th at the recreation park in Wanamie. This is an educational event offering a glimpse into the life of the Native Americans.
- A letter was received from the *Office of the Treasurer of the University of Pennsylvania* in appreciation of the monetary gift of \$100.00 given in the memory of Russ Sager.
- A card was received from the *Mill Memorial Library* in appreciation of the monetary gift of \$100.00 given towards the Children's Reading Program.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership** – 2011 membership stands at 143 members with 8 junior members. Tom Kashatus will sponsor new member, Jessie Olshefski. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to accept; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor new member, Frances Elczyna. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to accept; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- New Business** – Joe Maloney plans on providing a newsletter for the new, transmission repair shop that opened on West Kirmar Avenue in the space vacated by *JD Creations*. Mary Margaret Kashatus plans on providing a newsletter for *Magic World Day Care Center* that opened at the site of the former *Clawson's Fitness Center*. Mary Margaret will provide an update if and when an official welcome is planned.
- Hospitality/Sunshine** – The brother-in-law of NTCO member, Jayme Daniele; uncle to junior member, Krystal Daniele, recently passed away. A card will be sent expressing condolences from the organization.
- Editorial** – It was announced that Paul and Heidi Jarecki would become the new editors of the NTCO newsletter, replacing Bill Hourigan, who decided to step down from the position following completion of the summer newsletter. Tom thanked Bill for all his good work as editor of the newsletter. Tom also expressed his hopes that Joe Maloney would continue his good work in generating ads for the newsletter.
- Fundraising** – Heidi Jarecki reported that the Alden Company Store miniature, 4th in the series of collectibles featuring historic township sites, would soon be ready.
- Summer Fun** – Palmira reported that about 20 children attended the swimming event at the pool in Mocanaqua on Thursday, August 4th 2011. The next event will be a tie-dyeing and chalk-making event by Mr. Robert Hughes of EPCAMR on Wednesday, August 24th at the Wanamie Recreation Center.
- Great American Clean** – Palmira asked that volunteers for the roadside clean up of the Kirmar Parkway meet at their usual spots at 8am, Saturday, August 20th. Palmira also announced that she accepted a one-year contract from Pennsylvania Environmental Council as coordinator for the clean up of illegal dumpsites in the counties of Wyoming, Susquehanna and Bradford. This event stems directly from the work Palmira has done with illegal dumpsites in Newport Township.

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

- Linda Conner reported that *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing* had received the hats, but wanted approval from the organization prior to embroidering because of a color discrepancy between the structured and unstructured hats. A sample of both hats was presented and the colors were approved. Linda also presented the changes for the artwork that would be featured on the tee & sweat shirts. After some discussion as to size and font, the changes were approved.

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VI. Unfinished Old Business continued

- b) Tom has already collected the written recommendations for the re-establishing of the annual **5-Point Plan**. However, the forms can still be made available by emailing President Tom Kashatus at tomkash@verizon.net.
- c) Paul Jarecki reported that he and Heidi had attended the meeting of the Newport Township Recreation Board earlier in the evening of August 9th and they were questioned on when NTCO planned to install the park bench at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. Tom expressed surprise that this would be an issue since NTCO had been waiting since October 2010 for the location site of the bench that had just recently been approved.
- d) It was confirmed that Sunday, October 9th 2011 has been chosen as the date of the Fall Festival. President Tom Kashatus reminded that individuals are still needed to chair and co-chair the event.
- e) Heidi Jarecki asked for further discussion on establishing a policy for memorial donations towards deceased members. Mary Margaret Kashatus had presented on this matter at a previous meeting, but no action was taken at that time. Heidi suggested that a monetary donation of \$50.00 be given if a charity or non-profit organization were listed in the obituary with no distinction being made between active and non-active members. Again, no formal action was taken.
- f) There was a brief discussion on the criteria for the Citizenship Committee. It has been questioned if the revisions have been formalized. Palmira Miller and Mary Margaret Kashatus are looking into the matter.

VII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) *President* Tom Kashatus appointed a committee for the election of new officers and members to the Board of Directors. The committee will be made up of the 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary and two [2] volunteers from the membership. Those interested in volunteering for the committee or running for office are asked to make their intentions known.
- b) On behalf of the organization, John Jarecki attended a seminar entitled, "Finding the Funding and Grant Writing Basics" sponsored by the Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center on Wednesday, July 13th 2011 in Scranton. He will make the information from the seminar available to anyone interested.
- c) There are only six tickets available to see the S/WB Yankees take on the Pawtucket Red Sox on Friday, August 26th 2011. Game time is at 7:05pm. Ticket price is \$13.00 each. Please contact Mary Margaret Kashatus to reserve your ticket as soon as possible.
- d) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- e) Keep in mind that new member sponsorship, fundraising efforts and support of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter is the obligation of all members.

IX. Adjournment

Faye Maloney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner