

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

September 27th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus
Palmira Miller
Bill Hourigan

Francis Zaleski
Linda Conner
Frank Flynn

Joe Maloney
Faye Maloney
Mary Margaret Kashatus

Paul Jarecki
Heidi Selecky Jarecki
Steve Masakowski

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 September 13th 2011. Joe Maloney made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

III. *Treasurer* Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for September 27th 2011. Steve Masakowski made a motion that the remaining reserve allowed for the Summer Program be returned to a zero balance; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor. Steve Masakowski made a motion that the treasurers report with minor changes be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communications*

- a) It was reminded that the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* would be hosting an indoor Fall Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, October 8th 2011 at the West Side Playground in Nanticoke between the hours of 8am and 2pm. NTCO has reserved a space for the event. As always, volunteers are welcome.
- b) A Press Release was received announcing that JP Mascaro & Sons would be hosting a Community E-Waste Recycling event Saturday, October 8th 2011. Residents may deliver their unwanted electronics, free of charge, between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00 noon to the Recycling Center at 871 East Main Street Nanticoke, PA.
- c) It was reminded that NTCO would be participating in the Tire Recycling events to be held Saturday, October 1st in Drums and Saturday, October 8th 2011 in Hanover Township.
- d) A communication via email was received from the office of Representative Gerald Mullery (D-Newport Twp.) regarding the public information ad to be featured in the NTCO quarterly newsletters. The editors will address this matter.
- e) A program was received from the remembrance ceremony for the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks held Saturday, September 17th 2011 at the Regional Public Safety Training Center located at Luzerne County Community College. NTCO is a brick donor for the "Walk of Honor". Palmira Miller attended the event on behalf of the organization.
- f) The 2011 season program of the Greater Nanticoke Area Junior Trojans was received. NTCO was a sponsor for an ad featured in the program. At the time, it was also announced that the Jr. Trojans would be holding a "Night at the Races" fundraiser. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion to donate \$50.00; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- g) An invitation was received for the "21st Annual Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania's Environment" Partnership Awards and Dinner to be held Thursday, October 27th 2011 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. There was some discussion on who from the organization would be attending; however no action was taken at that time.
- h) It was reminded that Luzerne County Community College Alumni would be holding their Annual Fall Craft Fair and Car Show on Saturday, October 15th 2011

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership – 2011 membership stands at 151 members with 8 junior members. Tom Kashatus sponsored new member, John Jagodzinski. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new member; seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus sponsored new member, Rosemarie Jagodzinski. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new member; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus sponsored new junior members, Hunter and George Peterson. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to accept the new junior members; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) Recycling – Tom Kashatus announced that the next recycling project for the organization would be at 59 East Main Street Glen Lyon, the home/shop of the late Nello Roke.
- c) New Business – No Report
- d) Summer Fun Program – Program complete
- e) Hospitality/Sunshine – No Report
- f) Editorial – Bill Hourigan made it known that Campbell Printing of Berwick made an error in quoting a price for the fall newsletter and consequently was not low bidder. That distinction would belong to **STAPLES**. Paul and Heidi Jarecki planned on following up with Blasi Printing, who would be printing the calendars.
- g) Fundraising – Heidi reported that the cost of printing 150 calendars would be \$556.50. This would exceed the reserve by \$191.03. Palmira Miller made a motion for the allowance of \$191.03 to cover the added cost; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- h) Great American Clean Up – No Report

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- i) Five Point Plan – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported that the plan should be complete for presentation at the next meeting.
- j) Nominating Committee – There was some discussion of what terms of office had reached expiration. Palmira stated that nominations were still needed. Anyone with interest in becoming an Officer or member to the Board of Directors is asked to make his or her intentions known.

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

- a) Linda Conner brought the completed hats to the meeting and reported that the tee shirts and hoodies had been ordered with *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing*.

VII. New Business

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that he let it be known to the Newport Township Authority that NTCO had voted to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the “soft” costs for the demolition 144-146 West Main Street and 85 East Main Street Glen Lyon. He also reported that the former Stapinski Building on West Main Street in Glen Lyon was now in repository.
- b) Palmira Miller reported that one hundred and fifty six [156] bag lunches were provided to the flood victims in Mocanaqua. As coordinator of the event, Palmira thanked the volunteers that helped purchase the food items, make the hoagies, and bag and deliver the lunches. Tom Kashatus stated that the flood shelter located on Main Street at the site of the *Polish Falcons* is now closed and that most of the people were back in their homes.
- c) Tom Kashatus reported that *CRAZY RABBIT PAINTBALL* would allow for a fundraising opportunity to be had for non-profit organizations at the Harvest Festival they are hosting the weekend of November 12th/13th 2011. A donation of \$2.00 per car for parking will be kept by the participating organization in return for parking assistance and cleaning of the parking areas after the event. Tom would like to hear from NTCO members regarding whether or not this opportunity would be worthwhile for our organization.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) It was reminded that the next meeting of the Newport Township Commissioners would be held Monday, October 3rd 2011 at 6:00pm.
- b) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- c) 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.
- d) Remember that whenever attending an event as an NTCO member to promote the organization with pride.

IX. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner