

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

October 25th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Bill Hourigan	Linda Conner	Paul Jarecki	John Evans (guest)
Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Mary Margaret Kashatus	Heidi Jarecki	

Prior to the meeting, members and guests were invited to view a short, inspirational film. NTCO would like to thank the staff of Guardian Elder Care Center for their assistance.

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. Guest, John Evans was introduced. Mr. Evans was attending on behalf of the *SPOOKY OFF ROAD CLUB* and "*Over 45*" Club.

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of October 11th 2011. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Palmira Miller, with all voting in favor.

III. *Treasurer* Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for October 25th 2011. According to his records, many newsletter advertisements remain unpaid. Tom stated that the matter would be discussed with Joe Maloney at an upcoming meeting. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the treasurers report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communications*

- An email was received from Jim Bach, a member of the *Shickshinny Business Association* regarding the "high permit fees and regulations" imposed by *LABOR & INDUSTRY* on those affected by recent flooding. All residents are asked to contact their elected officials to protest this unfair burden. 26 out of 28 businesses in Shickshinny were flooded.
- It was announced that *Holy Spirit Parish* in conjunction with *Catholic Social Services* would be providing shelter and meals for homeless men the week of January 29th 2012 at Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. No further information was available at the time.
- It was announced that Teena Wrubel is collecting unwanted cell phones through an event being sponsored by the temple she belongs to. The phones will be reprogrammed and given to battered women shelters.
- A special announcement was received by NCAC regarding the listing of events and volunteer opportunities by non-profit organizations on **iYouVo.com**. The service is free, user friendly and promises immediate results. NCAC will be offering training seminars on November 4th, 7th, 10th and 11th. Due to limited space, registration is a must. Anyone interested in attending is asked to see Palmira for the details.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- Membership – 2011 membership stands at 155 members with 10 junior members.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reports that recyclable material is constantly available for collection.
- New Business – No Report
- Summer Fun Program – Program complete
- Hospitality/Sunshine – No Report
- Editorial – Paul and Heidi reported that work has already begun on the WINTER 2011 newsletter. Tom would like to have it verified that the MICROSOFT Publisher Software is owned by and registered to NTCO and can be transferred to subsequent editors.
- Fundraising – Tom would like Paul and Heidi Jarecki to deal directly with John and Russ Brassington when reordering items from *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing*.
- Great American Clean Up – No Report
- Eight Point Plan – Tom would like to have the plan formalized by John Jarecki followed by presentation to the Newport Township Commissioners at the December 2011 meeting. The plan will also be publicized in the Winter 2011 Newsletter.
- Nominating Committee – Tom announced that NTCO elections would be held at the meeting of November 22nd 2011. 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)

- Tom would like further discussion on having the NTCO items available for purchase advertised on e-bay.
- Due to time conflicts, the clean up of West Kirmar Avenue tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 5th 2011 will have to be rescheduled.
- As the Newport Township Authority had cancelled their meeting for the month of October 2011, there was no further information regarding the donation of \$2,000.00 by NTCO for property demolition.
- The Harvest Festival to be hosted by CRAZY RABBIT PAINTBALL and scheduled for November 12th / 13th 2011 has been cancelled. The event will be rescheduled for April 2012 as a Spring Festival. It is not known if cancellation of the festival would affect the opening of the outdoor venue also scheduled for the weekend of November 12th / 13th.

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VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira Miller announced that an illegal dumpsite clean up was scheduled for November 14th at Newport Center. A dumpster will be located on Old Newport Cemetery Road through funding by Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The event, which might run until Thursday, November 17th, would involve inmates through the Luzerne County Work Release Program, volunteers from NTCO and *The Spooky Off Road Club*. Coordination of the event will be handled by Palmira.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Heidi Jarecki reported that the *Nanticoke Historical Society* is selling a local history book entitled "NANTICOKE" Images of America by Chester Zaremba, vice president of the society. The book can be purchased for \$22.00.
- 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 a NTCO member to promote your organization with pride.

IX. *Adjournment*

Francis Zaleski made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner