

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

March 13th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Linda Conner	Paul Jarecki	Sharon Julius	Mary Jo Evans
Bill Hourigan	Steve Masakowski	Heidi Selecky Jarecki	Alice Dymond	Lori Hulse
Francis Zaleski	John Jarecki			

ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board of Directors: Heidi Jarecki, Joe Maloney, Carol Jarecki, Steven Phillips and Mary Jo Evans

Trustees: Paul Jarecki and John Jarecki

I. *President*, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business. Palmira provided a summary of accomplishments achieved by the organization in 2011 including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) NTCO received 1st place honors for the Environmental Action Award in the 2011 Community Awards Program held by the Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- 2) NTCO participated in the following educational events:
 - A bicycle race for kids' at Patriots Square, Nanticoke
 - An Earth Day event at Lowe's Home Improvement Center, Wilkes-Barre
 - The National Night Out event sponsored by the Newport Township Crime Watch at the Recreation Park, Wanamie.
- 3) NTCO held three (3) Summer Fun events for the children of Newport Township including 2 trips to the Mocanaqua pool for a day of swimming and refreshments and a "tie-dye" tee-shirt event.
- 4) NTCO purchased and installed a game table, a large picnic table and a park bench at the Coal Street playground in Glen Lyon.
- 5) NTCO developed an official logo for the organization.
- 6) NTCO prepared and served dinner for the Holy Spirit Parish VISION program that provided shelter for homeless men at Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon.
- 7) NTCO prepared and delivered 156 lunches, water, refrigerators and other necessary supplies to the flood victims in Mocanaqua.
- 8) NTCO established an Outstanding Citizenship Award program honoring Mrs. Joseph (Phoebe) Hillian, as the first recipient for her commitment to community service within Newport Township.
- 9) NTCO continues to publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter.
- 10) NTCO continues to maintain a website; www.newporttownship.com
- 11) NTCO continues the Recycling Program that keeps metals from the landfills and earned the organization over \$13,000.
- 12) NTCO continues to involve all organizations within the township.
- 13) NTCO participated in the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania from March 1st to May 31st resulting in 1,714 hours worked by 175 volunteers covering 30 miles, removing 739 tires, recycling 16 tons of various metals, disposing of 50 tons of trash, held one educational event and eradicated 11 illegal dumpsites.
- 14) NTCO participated in Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup program eradicating 2 sites in Newport Township and 1 site in Ashley. All sites then had access blocked to prevent dumping from continuing.
- 15) NTCO participated in Luzerne County's Electronic & Tire Recycling events, recycling 2,200 pounds of various electronics and 350 tires.
- 16) NTCO expanded fundraising items to include tee shirts, hats, hooded sweatshirts, as well as, the calendars, DVD's, and miniature historic site collectibles.
- 17) NTCO closed out membership in 2011 with 159 members.

II. *Trustees*. There was no report provided by the Board of Trustees.

III. *Board of Directors Report*. Board of Director member, Heidi Selecky Jarecki reported that prior to the board establishing a budget for the organization, the members would need to know the goals that NTCO would like to accomplish for 2012, as well as what fundraising efforts will be pursued thru the year. Heidi also reported that the board would like a copy of the Bylaws for the organization and the list of trustees with their respective terms. The board plans on meeting again in the near future and Heidi will report what transpired at an upcoming, regular meeting of the organization.

IV. *Adjournment*

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting of the organization immediately followed.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner