

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

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

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller 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 February 28th 2012. 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. Treasurer Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for March 13th 2012. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the treasurers report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Lori Hulse, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) An email was received from Dave Buchinski regarding commencement of the combined *Nanticoke / Newport Township Little League* season. Opening Day is set for Saturday, April 21st, 2012 beginning with the parade at 9:30AM and ending at Hillian Field in Wanamie. It was also mentioned that the \$50.00 renewal fee for the NTCO sign at the field was now due. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the renewal fee of \$50.00; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. The little league will be holding a "Night at the Races" fundraiser on April 14th. Heidi Jarecki stated that she would donate a NTCO memorabilia basket on behalf of the organization to be chanced at the event. It was also discussed that as sign-up is complete, the \$500.00 amount allocated by NTCO to assist underprivileged youngsters with the associated costs of sign-up would not be needed. Francis Zaleski made a motion to use the funds up to \$700.00 for the organization to sponsor a boys' major league team and a girls' minor league team; seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus stated that he would approach the league on team availability and the possibility of sponsoring teams made up of kids from Newport Township. In a side note, Tom mentioned that the league is looking for a new safe and that one is present at the site of the ongoing recycling project at the shop of the late Nello Roke. Tom stated that he would find out if the safe would meet the needs of the league.
- b) A "Community Events Announcement" was received from *Saint Faustina's Parish*. The Youth Ministry will be holding a Chinese auction on Sunday, March 18th 2012. Heidi stated that a basket of NTCO memorabilia was given for chance at the event. The parish will hold its' annual festival Friday, June 29th, Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st 2012 at the former Holy Child Grove in Sheatown.
- c) An update was received from the *Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* regarding the upcoming workshop entitled "Finding the funding & Grant writing basics" on Wednesday, May 2nd 2012 and the upcoming "2012 Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Associations (PANO) Annual Conference" on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17th 2012.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that currently there are 52 paid memberships for 2012. The number of junior members stands at eight (8).
- b) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the project of cleaning out the shop of the late Nello Roke is moving along. .
- c) New Business – No Report
- d) Summer Fun Program – No Discussion
- e) Hospitality/Sunshine – It was reported that a card was sent to Gene Baurys wishing him a speedy return to good health.
- f) Newsletter Advertisements – There was no report as committee chair, Joe Maloney was not present. It was mentioned that Harold Destephano is interested in placing a full-page ad for electrical/ plumbing/ carpentry repair.
- g) Newsletter Editors – The flexibility of the deadline on articles for the newsletter was discussed.
- h) Fundraising – No Report
- i) Great American Clean Up – Program Coordinator, Palmira Gregory Miller reported that the event would begin with the "Big Junk Drop-Off" on Friday, April 20th thru Tuesday, April 24th 2012. Three (3) 40-yard dumpsters will be present at the area before the road to Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery. Volunteers are needed to man the site daily. The "Community Pride Event" will be held Saturday, April 28th 2012 with the clean up along the townships' main road. Volunteers are asked to meet at the municipal lot in Wanamie at 8:00AM. Tom Kashatus made a motion that \$500.00 be allocated to a reoccurring reserve for the *Great American Clean Up*; seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Pennsylvania Environmental Council will sponsor an illegal dumpsite clean up on Pipe Road in Glen Lyon and West Railroad Street in Alden. There was a brief discussion on the monetary benefits for the NTCO recycling project and the environmental benefits for the community these events have. Palmira also reported that the *Spooky Off Road Riding Club* has again volunteered their assistance.

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- j) Eight Point Plan – No Report
- k) Nominating Committee – Elections complete
- l) Citizenship Committee – No Report
- m) Publicity – No Report
- n) Recreation – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that the 50/50 Grant applied for by the Newport Township Recreation Board fell through. It was also reported that Dave Hornlin, who was appointed to the board at the end of 2011, has resigned. It was not known why another board member, a female resident of Newport Township allegedly appointed late last year, has not attended any meetings.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) There was again a brief discussion on the purchase of “No Dumping” signs by the organization. Tom Kashatus made a motion to purchase the signs with installation hardware at a cost not to exceed \$200.00; seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.
- b) There was a brief discussion on the tax exemption status of nonprofit entities. It was reported that NTCO is not tax exempt and may need to collect sales tax on memorabilia items sold other than clothing. A license is needed from the state for the collection of such funds. Steve Masakowski has volunteered to research this issue further. Lori Hulse reported that she put together some information on taxation of 501©3 organizations from a federal level.
- c) There was again brief discussion on the annual Memorial Day Weekend event to be held by the Newport Township Fire Department. Lori Hulse made a motion for NTCO to volunteer to run the Chinese Auction at the event and split the profits with NTFD as required; seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor. A table featuring NTCO information and items to sell is also planned for the event.
- d) There was brief discussion on the certificate for advertisement on a digital video board that was given to NTCO. It was agreed that should the organization elect not to use the certificate, it would be gifted to another organization.
- e) It was again mentioned that the NTCO memorial tree located at the Wanamie Recreation Park is in need of maintenance. There is opportunity for this work to be done during the week of the *Great American Clean Up* should volunteer participation allow.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Tom Kashatus let it be known that the *Newport Township/Nanticoke Little League* is planning to honor the late Russ Sager. More information on this event will be reported as it becomes available.
- b) Discussion on a donation to the *Knights of Columbus* has been tabled for the time being.
- c) Tom Kashatus made a motion to cancel the meeting of Tuesday, April 24th 2012 because of the clean up event to be in progress as well as primary elections; seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) For new and old members alike, Palmira reminded that according to the NTCO Articles of Incorporation, the purposes for which the community organization has been formed are: (a) to revitalize and beautify the township; (b) to promote charitable, civic and social pursuits; (c) to support and cooperate with all the fraternal, charitable, religious, patriotic and civic enterprises of the community of Newport Township; and (d) to protect the health and safety of its citizens.
- b) Palmira will continue the policy of always asking 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 Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner