

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

April 10, 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Bill Hourigan	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	Paul Jarecki
Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	John Jarecki	Joe Maloney	Heidi Jarecki

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business.

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of March 13th 2012. Tom Kashatus 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. The secretary then read the minutes from the previous meeting of March 27th 2012. Tom Kashatus 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 read the treasurers report for April 10th 2012. Tom Kashatus 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

- Palmira presented an "out of pocket" expense of \$21.98 for her payment to **GO DADDY** for a two year subscription for the NTCO website server. Tom Kashatus made a motion for Palmira to be reimbursed in full, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- A letter was received from the **Newport Township Women's Activity Group** in appreciation of the monetary donation to their Annual Spring Ham Bingo. All proceeds from the event will go towards special events for township kids.
- An email was received from **Iyouvo.com** announcing that Palmira won the drawing for their naming contest. The prize is a \$100.00 donation to the nonprofit group of the winner's choice. Palmira has chosen NTCO for the honor. **Iyouvo.com** is now **Givegab.com**, a website dedicated to the promotion of volunteerism.
- Palmira reported that the "National Kids to Parks" Day will be held Saturday, May 19th 2012.
- An email was received from **Lackawanna Heritage Valley** in partnership with **NEPA Conservation Alliance** announcing **The Great NEPA Clean-Up**, March 31st 2012 thru May 5th 2012. NTCO is listed as a participant beginning with the Community Pride event of Saturday, April 28th 2012. Volunteers are needed for the clean-up of the main roads through the township.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership** – Tom Kashatus will sponsor new member, Lucy Wazowicz. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Tom reported that there are 101 paid members.
- Fundraising** – Heidi Jarecki reported that sales are currently slow. She also let it be known that she put together a NTCO memorabilia basket to be chanced by the **Newport Township/Nanticoke Little League**.
- Newsletter Editors** – Paul Jarecki reported the printer should have the spring newsletter ready for April 12th at the latest and that work has already begun on the summer newsletter with a deadline on all articles by July 1st 2012.
- Newsletter Distribution** – Tom stated that he planned on leaving some newsletters with the Newport Township Tax Collector, Ken Angradi.
- Newsletter Advertisements** – Joe Maloney reported that winter newsletter featured 3 free ads, 13 ads that are paid in full and 10 ads that have yet to be paid for a total of 26 advertisements. There was a brief discussion on the status of the ad for Representative Gerald Mullery and the full page ad for Harold Destaphano.
- Hospitality/Sunshine** – No report from Mary Margaret or Sia.
- Recycling** – Tom Kashatus gave a brief report on the recycling project at the property of the late Nello Roke.
- Great American Cleanup** – Palmira presented the flier for the **8th Annual Great American Clean Up** event by NTCO, outlining the Community Pride Event on April 28th and the Big Junk Drop Off on April 20th thru 24th 2012.
- Publicity** – John Jarecki reported that both local newspapers have been notified of the NTCO cleanup events.
- Recreation Board Meeting** – Paul & Heidi Jarecki reported that the **Newport Township Recreation Board** meeting was cancelled due to the absence of a quorum.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- There was further discussion on the annual Memorial Day Weekend Bazaar held by **Newport Township Fire Department**. NTCO has agreed to run a Chinese auction at the event. Tom Kashatus has volunteered to chair the auction with Francis Zaleski, Bill Hourigan and Heidi Jarecki as co-chairs.
- Bill Hourigan expressed his concern on the tax exempt status of nonprofit groups with regards to state sales tax. Francis stated that he would contact Steve Masakowski who had promised to look into the matter some time ago.

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VII. *New Business*

- a) Francis Zaleski stated that he would be meeting with the trustees of the organization to look over the accounting ledgers. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th 2012 at 7:00pm. It was reminded at this time that there was still a vacancy on the Board of Directors.
- b) There was discussion on courtesy membership being given to those who donate \$100 to the organization. Francis Zaleski made a motion that NTCO begin to give individuals who donate \$50 or more to the organization, a one-year membership free of charge in appreciation of their gift. Joe Maloney suggested that the individual receive their courtesy membership at the beginning of a new year. Francis concurred and amended his motion, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- c) The meeting for Tuesday, April 24th 2012 has been cancelled due to the Big Junk Drop Off scheduled for that day.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park is the responsibility of all members.
- b) The president of the organization will always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense as a measure of accountability.
- c) Members of the organization should attend public meeting throughout the township whenever possible.
- d) New membership, fundraising, etc. are the responsibility of each and every member.
- e) Whenever attending an event as an NTCO member, promote the organization with pride.
- f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in the NTCO newsletter.

IX. *Adjournment*

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner