

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

May 8, 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Miller	Francis Zaleski	Sharon Julius	Lucy Wazowicz
Tom Kashatus	Heidi Jarecki	John Jarecki	Faye Maloney
Bill Hourigan	Paul Jarecki		

I. *President*, Palmira Gregory Miller called the May 8th meeting to order at 6:30, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner could not attend the meeting because of illness. There was no reading of the previous minutes from the April 24th meeting.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report. Total organization funds are \$24,902.41. Since April 10, receipts have been \$371.04 and disbursements, \$1259.38. Tom made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*,

We received the following bills and communications.

- a) A bill from Carolyn for \$200 for all food served during the Big Junk Drop Off and Community Pride Event.
- b) An e-mail from Crime Watch President Karen Rejician asking us to cooperate with her group to purchase computers for the police cars. The members decided to discuss this at the next crime watch meeting.
- c) Two Erie Insurance bills covering 1) officers and member of the Board of Directors for \$744 and 2) equipment and organization events for \$500. Tom made a motion to pay both bills, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- d) A \$6.00 bill for registering our trailer. Tom made a motion to pay the bill, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- e) A letter from the Newport Township Firefighters asking for sponsors for their Memorial Day weekend Bazaar. Tom made a motion to contribute \$100 to the Firefighters, Francis seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- f) Letters from several former community residents complementing the Community Organization for its good work including our publication of the newsletter.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership - Tom sponsored Jerry Magaleski as a new member. Heidi made a motion to accept Jerry as a new member, Tom seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- b) Recycling - Tom said he has removed almost all items from Nello Roke's shop, but still has aluminum windows for recycling from a Spring Street house and a possibly historical machine from Ziggy Kosinski's shoemaker shop, which may have to be recycled.
- c) Recreation Board – Paul and Heidi discussed a bicycle safety session. Recreation Board members have suggested that it include providing safety helmets to children unable to afford them. NTCO will partner with the Recreation Board to provide helmets.
- d) Newsletter – Paul said that he and Heidi planned to put Palmira's article on the Big Junk Drop Off and the Community Pride Event on the newsletter's front page.
- e) Hospitality – Mary Margaret sent Hospitality Committee cards to Gene Baurys, Maxine Baurys, and Stephanie Stogoski.
- f) Publicity – John reported on the services performed by our internet providers and gave statistics on visitors to our website.

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g) The Great American Cleanup - Palmira showed a chart submitted by Tom of the 19 volunteers who worked 207 hours during the Big Junk Drop Off with \$1,579.00 earned from the 11,140 pounds of metals recycled. J. P. Mascaro donated a 30 yard dumpster and Waste Reduction provided two dumpsters at a cost of \$150 each for the transportation fee. The Keystone Landfill provided free landfill space thru the Great American Cleanup of PA.

Heidi made a motion to give free newsletter ads to J. P. Marcaro and Waste Reduction, Sharon seconded it, and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

a) Heidi said that Mike Yalsh will give us a presentation on coal mining in Newport Township. She will ask Mike if he would allow us to invite the public to the presentation.

b) John said the he and Paul, acting as Trustees, examined the financial books of the Organization and found everything in order and receipts and disbursements are well documented.

c) A motion was made and carried to donate \$200 to the Knights of Columbus in Glen Lyon.

VII. New Business

a) The members discussed replacing two business meetings a month with one work session and one business meeting, but decided to keep the present schedule.

b) Tom said that we would have better communication and cooperation between Township organizations if their members would attend each other's meetings. Knowledge is power.

c) Tom said that, at the May Commissioners' meeting, John Zyla and Mike Roke commended the Community Organization for its Big Junk Drop Off and the Community Pride Event.

d) Francis made a motion to buy a spare tire for our junk-hauling trailer, Faye seconded it, and all voted in favor.

e) Tom said that at 7:45 pm on May 14, the Nanticoke Little League was having a photo op at its field for sponsors to present their contributions.

VIII. Good of the Organization

a) Heidi said that there will be an art exhibit in the former Holy Child Church, now community center, in Sheatown on May 19.

b) Palmira will ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expenses.

c) Attend meetings of organizations within the township. The next Commissioners meeting is Monday, June 4th.

d) Membership, fundraising, etc., is the responsibility of each and every member.

e) Whenever attending an event as a NTCO member, promote your organization with pride

f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:25 pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki