

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

June 12, 2012, 6:45 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center, Sheatown PA

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	Paul Jarecki	Joe Maloney	Sharon Julius
Palmira Miller	Heidi Jarecki	Mary Jo Evans	Faye Maloney	

With six members in attendance, Faye Maloney made a motion to hold a meeting. It was seconded by Sharon Julius and all voted in favor.

I. *President.* Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and led those present to the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. *Secretary.* In the absence of Secretary Linda Conner, Palmira Miller read the minutes of the previous meeting of May 22nd, 2012. Joe Maloney made a motion to accept the minutes as read and placed on file. The motion was seconded by Sharon Julius and all those present voted in favor.

III. *Treasurer.* Francis read and presented the treasurer's report. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and to be placed on file. The motion was seconded by Joe Maloney and all those present voted in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills and Communications.*

- a) A motion was made and seconded to pay Francis Zaleski \$241.28 for reimbursement of expenses that he paid for items that were added to the Chinese Auction that was held by the NTCO at the recent Fireman's Memorial weekend Bazaar.
- b) Francis Zaleski made a motion to donate a case of unclaimed water from the Chinese Auction to the Holy Spirit Bible School. The motion was seconded by Faye Maloney and all those present voted in favor.
- c) A bill of \$300.00 was received from Waste Reduction for transportation cost, only, of dumpsters to the landfill. The two forty cubic yard dumpsters were donated by them for use at the recently NTCO sponsored "Big Junk Drop Off." A motion was made and seconded and all those present voted in favor.
- d) Heidi made a motion for the NTCO to submit a letter of intent for the NTCO to contribute \$250.00 to the Newport Township Recreation Board bicycle safety project which will be held on June 30 at the Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. Mary Jo Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. Tom Kashatus voted against the motion stating that the Recreation Board has not established a quorum lately to move this project forward. President Miller will forward a letter to Recreation Board President John Grabowski to notify him of the NTCO intent.
- e) A "thank you" was received from Knights of Columbus Treasurer Henry Turchanik for our recent \$200.00 donation.
- f) A "thank you" was received from Nick Tullai for the 2012 historical calendar which he received from Heidi Jarecki. Nick is a relative of President Miller and stated that he enjoys the historical photographs immensely.
- g) A notice was received from NCAC for renewal of membership. The NTCO was a recipient of an award from the NCAC at their annual banquet. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to extend our membership for a two year period at a cost of \$65.00. Tom Kashatus seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.

V. *Reports of Committees.*

- a) **Membership.** Tom Kashatus reported membership stands at 116. There are no present applicant for membership.
- b) **Chinese Auction.** Tom Kashatus turned in the final report on the Chinese Auction held in partnership with the Consolidated Fire Company, Quality Hill Recreation Association, and Holy Child Grove Committee. A check for \$350.00 was turned over to Chairman Dan Kowalski and the NTCO made a profit of \$768.18.

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- c) **Hospitality.** A sympathy card was sent to the Roke Family due to the passing of their beloved mother, Evelyn Roke, who has been a member of the NTCO. Tom Kashatus made a motion to submit a contribution of \$25.00 to the WBYMCA, a charitable organization mentioned in Mrs. Roke's obituary. Heidi Jarecki seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.
- d) **Recycling.** Tom Kashatus made a motion to place free ad for Speedy's Auto Body Center in the next edition of the NTCO newsletter for the scrap that he has donated to our recycling program. The motion was seconded by Paul Jarecki and all those present voted in favor.
- e) **Newsletter Ads.** We were informed that the ad for Barbara floral was inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter. Tom Kashatus made a motion to give Barbara Floral a free ad in the NTCO subsequent newsletter. The motion was seconded by Heidi Jarecki and all those present voted in favor.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business.*

- a) Lack of maintenance of the NTCO memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park was discussed. It is recommended that re-landscaping of the tree take place next year as one of our specific projects during the Great American Clean-up.

VII. *New Business.*

- a) Jeremy Blank, a parent involved with the Greater Nanticoke Area Mini Trojans, discussed a special need for increased funding for their program this year due to requirements which must be met to bring uniforms and helmets up to required standards. He was asked how many junior athletes and cheerleaders participate from Newport township and if he could furnish us the name of those players.
- b) It was noted that Arieli Brabant, a junior member of the NTCO, was one of two winners in Luzerne County to participant in a Miss Pre-Teen Pageant to be held in Harrisburg this August. She needs a number of supporting sponsors for this event. More discussion on this matter will take place at our next meeting by Arieli and her father, Raymond.

VIII. *Good of the Organization.*

- a) President Miller will ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expenses.
- b) NTCO members should attend public meetings throughout the township whenever possible.
- c) Membership, fundraising, etc. is the responsibility of each and every member.
- d) Whenever attending an event as a NTCO member, promote your organization with pride.
- e) It is the responsibility of the membership to maintain the memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park.
- f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. *Adjournment.*

Francis Zaleski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Faye Maloney and all those present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Submitted by: Joe Maloney