

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

June 26, 2012, 6:45 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center, Sheatown, PA

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	Paul Jarecki	Karen Rejician	Ray Brabant	Lucy Wazowicz
Palmira Miller	Heidi Jarecki	Mary Jo Evans	Faye Maloney	Arieli Brabant	Bill Hourigan

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, 1st VP Tom Kashatus read the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 12, 2012. Bill Hourigan made a motion to accept the minutes with noted corrections. Heidi Jarecki seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor to keep those minutes on file.

III. Treasurer. Treasurer Francis Zaleski presented and read the treasurer's report with NTCO monetary assets totaling \$26,120.61. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Tom Kashatus seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.

IV. Reading of Bills and Communications.

a) President Palmira Miller presented a communication from the South Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding a Patriots Day Parade to be held on July 15th in the City of Nanticoke. There was discussion to enter Tom's truck and our trailer as a float to emphasize our recycling initiative as a measure for fundraising.

b) Karen Rejician spoke on behalf of the Glen Lyon Crime Watch informing the membership that they will be holding a "National Night Out" event on August 7th to bring the community together to emphasize their rejection of all types of crime and to show unified support of those who fight those instigators of crime. Luzerne county DA Shelly Salavantis, or her representative, has committed to participate in this event. Tom Kashatus made a motion to donate \$100.00 for expenses to this worthy initiative. Mary Jo Evans seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.

c) Tom Kashatus noted that he received a book from Frank Urban, a former resident of Glen Lyon and member of Newport Township Class of "53", which is titled "A Trilogy by Frank Urban." The book discusses his family genealogy from the era of their immigration to the United States of America from Eastern Europe; their trials and tribulations working in the local mining industry; and how their lives, and the community, had affected his life. Frank now lives in Dousman Wisconsin. The book will be given to Paul & Heidi Selecky for our historical file.

d) Tom Kashatus read a proposed initiative to raise funds for Casey Dental Foundation of Pittston which is used for the benefit of those individuals with intellectual disabilities. The initiative is a recycling effort, facilitated by the NTCO, of the Casey Dental employees to recycle their scrap by using our equipment and manpower. Heidi Selecky made a motion to proceed with this effort. Ray Brabant seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor..

e) Tom Kashatus presented a landlord/tenant nuisance ordinance from the borough of Luzerne that cites landlords for ignoring disruptive tenants who are constantly be visited and cited by state and local authorities. Newport Township patrolman Jim Evans stated at a recent crime watch meeting that our officers may respond to as many as 1,500 domestic calls per year – most involving tenants of absentee landlords. Tom stated that he will speak to the NT Board of Commissioners' July meeting to emphasize the need for such legislation in Newport Township.

V. Reports of Committees.

a) Membership. Chairman Kashatus reported that membership currently stands at 117. He has application by Steffi Stogoski for sponsorship of tentative new member Ann Fudjak who is her close friend and Newport Township alumna – Class of "48." A motion was made by Heidi Jarecki to accept Ann Fudjak as a member of the NTCO. The motion was seconded by Paul Jarecki and all those present voted in favor.

b) Fund Raising. Heidi Jarecki proposed the purchased of a rack for hanging memorabilia clothing to display at events when applicable. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to purchase the rack – the money will be taken from the Fund Raising Account. Karen Rejician seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.

- c) Summer Fun. Tom Kashatus noted that feelers are out to acquire programs for summer fun events.
- d) Newsletter Editors. Paul Jarecki asked the editorial board members to edit the upcoming newsletter and have their report back to him by Wednesday night. Target date for release to the public is July 4th.
- e) Newsletter ads. Paul Jarecki stated that unpaid ads remain to be a concern of the editors. Tom Kashatus advised that this may be a topic to be discussed by the Editorial Board.
- f) Recreation Board Meeting. Palmira Miller stated that she sent a letter to Board President Grabowski informing him of our intent to donate \$250.00 to their "Bicycle Safety Program." She also requested Mr. Grabowski to call her for answers to some questions. This has not been done; however, Mr. Grabowski has contacted Heidi Jarecki. Tom Kashatus still expresses some concerns with the validity of this Recreation Board initiative due to the lack of quorum at their regular monthly meetings.
- g) Recycling. Tom Kashatus reported that the Roke project is nearing completion and a probable trip with a trailer load of building supplies to AGAPE in Bloomsburg is expected later in the week.

VI. Unfinished Old Business.

- a) Tom Kashatus made a motion to place a \$50.00 ad (one half page) in the program of the 12th Man Football Booster Club of Greater Nanticoke Area. This would be similar to the ad placed in the program booklet for the Greater Nanticoke Area Mini Trojans last fall. Bill Hourigan seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.
- b) Junior member Arieli Brabant and her father, Raymond, addressed the membership regarding her quest for a Miss Pennsylvania Pre Teen title to be held in July. A national contest of successful state candidates will take place in California in August. Tom Kashatus made a motion to contribute \$100.00 (amended to \$150.00) to this initiative along with a letter of NTCO sponsorship. Faye Maloney seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor.
- c) Discussion of the Greater Nanticoke Area Mini Trojans request for assistance was tabled until requested information becomes available.

VII. New Business.

- a) Old instant bingo tickets were given to Tom Kashatus to be destroyed by burning.
- b) Tom Kashatus made a motion to donate a basket of NTCO memorabilia for the St. Faustina Fourth of July Weekend Bazaar. The motion was seconded by Lucy Wazowicz and all those present voted in favor.

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.
- g) Francis Zaleski was concerned if there was any "quid pro quo" for the donations we contribute.
- h) It was noted that Bill and Linda Hourigan's daughter, Erin, married Erik Kelley this past weekend.

IX. Adjournment.

Faye Maloney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Francis Zaleski seconded the motion and all those present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned by President Palmira Miller at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: 1st Vice President Tom Kashatus