

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

July 10th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus
Francis Zaleski

Linda Conner
Mary Jo Evans

John Jarecki
Faye Maloney

Heidi Jarecki
Paul Jarecki

I. President. In the absence of President Palmira Gregory Miller, 1st Vice President Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a quorum, Francis Zaleski made a motion to continue the meeting with eight (8) members present, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was then recited and the order of business proceeded upon.

II. Secretary. In the absence of Secretary Linda Conner, Tom Kashatus recorded the minutes from the meeting of June 26th 2012 and presented them for approval. Mary Jo Evans made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for July 10th 2012. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) Tom Kashatus presented his letter in reply to the initiative of *Casey Dental* "to establish a foundation to fill a void and financially assist individuals with intellectual disabilities with their dental care", in which he proposed to volunteer some of his time collecting scrap metal for reimbursement with the proceeds to be given to the *Casey Dental Foundation*. This endeavor, which will utilize volunteers and equipment from NTCO, was previously approved by the organization.
- b) An invoice from *Blasi Printing Company*, in the amount of **\$1,259.28** for the printing of the summer newsletter was presented for payment. Francis Zaleski made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. It was reported that, due to an error by the printer, 132 extra copies of the newsletter were printed and given to the organization at no extra cost.
- c) A donation of **\$25.00** was received from the *Glen Lyon IASC (Italian Club)* for the annual Memorial Weekend Bazaar.
- d) A letter was received from the *Glen Lyon Crime Watch* announcing their "**National Night Out**" scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Wanamie Recreation Park. A donation of **\$100.00** from NTCO towards this event was approved at a previous meeting.
- e) A letter was received from the *YMCA* acknowledging the monetary gift made in the memory of the late Evelyn Roke.
- f) A card was received by the family of the late Evelyn Roke in appreciation of the donation made in her memory.
- g) An email was received from Victoria Frace announcing that the *Saint Faustina Parish* in Nanticoke will be hosting men receiving shelter from *Mother Teresa's Haven*. Vicki asked if NTCO would be interested in providing a meal.
- h) An email was received from former Newport Township resident, Corey Zdanavage thanking NTCO for "making a positive difference throughout the community". Corey went on to say that enjoys the newsletters and never misses a publication.
- i) An email by 1st Vice President Tom Kashatus was sent to NTCO members and friends providing a link to receive the newsletter in PDF. This is especially relevant to those whose servers will not accept the newsletter as being too large.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus will sponsor Thelma Zerfoss as a new member. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) Recycling – No Report
- c) New Businesses – No Report
- d) Summer Fun Program – No Discussion
- e) Hospitality/Sunshine – It was reported that a card was sent to Maxine Baurys in condolence of the loss of her brother Marty. A card was also sent to Mary Ann (Benick) Jaffe wishing her quick return to good health.
- f) Newsletter – Editors Paul & Heidi Jarecki reported that summer newsletter is in distribution and that the target date for the fall newsletter is October 4th 2012. Paul provided a list of tentative advertisers that will be given to Joe Maloney, who was not present at the meeting.
- g) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that she plans on ordering more shirts as stock is low. Heidi went on to make a motion for the NTCO clothing items to be sold at the Variety Stop in Glen Lyon and for the purchase a spiral rack to display the items; Linda Conner seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.
- h) Great American Clean Up – No Report

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- i) Eight Point Plan – No Report
- j) Nominating Committee – No Report
- k) Citizenship Committee – No Report
- l) Publicity – John Jarecki reported that a photograph and brief article regarding both the monetary donation to the Nanticoke Area Little League and to the Glen Lyon Crime Watch would be featured in the two, local newspapers. He further added that the photos and articles would be featured on an NTCO “face book” page for events that was established at the request of President Palmira Gregory Miller to announce the Great American Clean Up dates.
- m) Recreation – Paul and Heidi Jarecki attended the Newport Township Recreation Board meeting held earlier in the evening of July 10th 2012 and reported that a bicycle safety coarse would be held at the Wanamie Recreation Park on July 22nd 2012 between 2:00 and 5:00pm. The board has 180 bicycle helmets to be distributed on a first come/first serve basis and plans on registering bicycles to assist law enforcement in the case of theft.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) The presentation of “Mining in Newport Township” by Michael Yalsh was again discussed. Michael will be returning to college soon and the event will need to be scheduled before the second NTCO meeting in August. Possible sites for the presentation were discussed, as were the equipment requirements.
- b) The equipment needs of the Nanticoke Area Mini Football program were again discussed. Jeremy Blank, who is involved with the program, spoke before members at the meeting of June 12th 2012. It was reported that of the over 100 kids in the program, around half were from Newport Township. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to give the previously discussed amount of \$400.00 to the program, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.

VII. New Business

- a) The reunion of the Newport Township “Class of 1955” will be held on August 12th 2012 and the reunion of the “Class of 1962” to be held September 12th 2012 respectively. Paul & Heidi Jarecki have been invited to attend both to display the NTCO collectibles and memorabilia.

VIII. For the Good of the Organization

- a) Palmira will continue the policy of always asking for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- b) 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.
- c) 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 Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner