

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

July 24th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	Joe Maloney	Heidi Jarecki	Mary Jo Evans
Bill Hourigan	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	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, Linda Conner made a motion to continue the meeting with eight (8) members present, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was then recited and the order of business proceeded upon.

II. *Secretary,* Linda Conner was unable to present the minutes from the previous meeting July 10th 2012. These minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

III. *Treasurer,* Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for July 24th 2012. Heidi Jarecki 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*

- a) Tom Kashatus presented a business card from Mark Cooper Sr. of ***Computer Medic*** for professional computer repair. Tom reported that he had opportunity to do business with Mr. Cooper and was pleased with both service and price.
- b) Tom Kashatus read some excerpts from five [5] pages of online comments mainly regarding the summer newsletter, which were then made available for viewing by those present. All the comments were positive and very complimentary.
- c) Tina Wrubel sent in a suggestion for an article to be printed in the newsletter regarding the new, ***Voter ID Legislation*** that will be effective November 2012. Heidi Jarecki stated that she would assist with an article outlining the new provisions.
- d) Tom Kashatus was in contact with Vicki Frace regarding the meal to be provided by NTCO for the ***Saint Teresa's Haven program*** that will be sponsored by ***Saint Faustina's Parish*** the week of August 12th 2012. Tom stated that Wednesday, August 15th 2012 has been chosen as our date and that he will coordinate the menu for evening meal with Vicki. A motion was made by Faye Maloney to accept the assignment; seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner made a motion that an allowance of \$50.00 be made available towards the cost; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Tom reminded that volunteers would be needed for the event.
- e) Tom Kashatus announced that the ***South Valley Chamber of Commerce*** would be holding an open house on Friday, September 21st 2012. The event will take place at the Luzerne County Community College Conference Center. Further details will be provided in the near future.
- f) A letter and donation in the amount of \$500.00 was received by former township resident, Corey Zdanavage. Corey made it known through his letter that a possible matching donation could be made by his employer, ***Capital Group Associates***. Tom stated that he would discuss the paperwork requirements with President Palmira Gregory Miller when she returns from her vacation.
- g) An email was received from Shannon Bogart announcing the opening of her business, ***Frayed Consignment Boutique*** at the park square in Nanticoke. Shannon was also interested in advertising in our newsletter.
- h) An email was received announcing the ***2012 Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference*** to be held August 2nd thru the 4th at the Ramada Inn in State College, PA.
- i) A postcard was received from President Palmira Gregory Miller from Hawaii sending everyone "Aloha" greetings.
- j) An email was received from Kim Rowles, wife of the president of the ***Nanticoke Area Little League***, providing a brief update on the program.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) **Membership** – Tom Kashatus will sponsor Corey Zdanavage as a new member. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) **Recycling** – Tom Kashatus reported that Luzerne County would be accepting electronic items for recycling on Saturday, August 4th 2012 at the Butler Township Fire Hall and Saturday, August 11th 2012 at the Hanover Area High School. Tom also reported that, since the previous meeting, two trailer loads of building material were donated to AGAPE in Bloomsburg with the wooden boards and trim given to the Shickshinny Historical Society.
- c) **New Businesses** – No Report
- d) **Summer Fun Program** – Tom Kashatus reported that two, swimming events would be scheduled in August at the pool in Mocanaqua. Tom also stated that he was in contact with a member of the ***Kiwanis Club*** regarding their recent "Family Movie Night" in Mountain Top. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of NTCO holding such an event in the future.
- e) **Hospitality / Sunshine** – No Report

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- f) Newsletter – Advertisements in the newsletter were discussed, such as the space requirements for the full page ad requested by Representative Gerald Mullery and that of Harold DeStefano, as were licensing & bonding requirements for contractors who advertise in the newsletter. There was also a brief discussion on future articles that would interest the under 20 years of age residents.
- g) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that the NTCO clothing items available for purchase are now on display at the Variety Stop in Glen Lyon.
- h) Great American Clean Up – No Report
- i) Eight Point Plan – No Report
- j) Nominating Committee – No Report
- k) Citizenship Committee – No Report
- l) Publicity – No Report
- m) Recreation – No Report

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) The presentation of “Mining in Newport Township” by Michael Yalsh was again discussed. Tom Kashatus reported that Mike is still interested in making the presentation but must do so by August 21st 2012. 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. It was reported that over 50 of the players and 23 cheerleaders are from Newport Township. Treasurer Francis Zaleski stated that he would write the check for the previous agreed upon amount of \$400.00 at the end of the meeting.
- c) Tom Kashatus presented a copy of the letter for the NTCO sponsorship of junior member, Arieli Brabant as a contestant in the 2012 *Miss Pennsylvania Pre-Teen Pageant* to be held August 11th/12th in Harrisburg. Tom will follow-up on the outcome.
- d) Tom Kashatus let it be known that the donation made to the *Luzerne County Historical Society* for their 2011 Annual Appeal entitled NTCO to receive an engraved, pewter plate. Secretary Linda Conner stated that she would contact the historical society to follow up.
- e) Bill Hourigan reported that he was still working on perfecting the NTCO logo for printing purposes.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Tom Kashatus stated that he approached the *Newport Township Commissioners* at their July meeting regarding the need for a landlord/tenant ordinance requiring the eviction of nuisance tenants based on citations given for law enforcement. The township solicitor promised to look into the matter. Tom plans on bringing up the matter again at the August meeting.
- b) Tom Kashatus presented a copy of the *USA WEEKEND* news insert from April 13th-15th 2012 announcing their 21st “Make a Difference Day” awards. Many of the volunteer programs honored in the past are similar to ones sponsored by NTCO. For more information, logon to www.makeadifferenceday.com.
- c) *The South Valley Chamber of Commerce* are planning a pumpkin festival for October 21st 2012. The \$100.00 entry fee qualifies for promotion on all related correspondence and a 10x10 space to promote the organization. A pumpkin will be needed for display. The event will be discussed more in the future.
- d) It was reminded that as the end of the year approaches, the nominating committee for the Citizenship Award should begin to make their selections for an award recipient.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) 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.
- 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) NTCO members should strive to attend public meetings throughout the township whenever possible and always promote our 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 8:10pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner