

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

## Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller  
Tom Kashatus  
Bill Hourigan

Linda Conner  
Sharon Julius  
Stephanie Stogoski

Faye Maloney  
John Jarecki  
Eugene Skordinski

Heidi Jarecki  
Paul Jarecki

**I. *President***, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a quorum, Tom Kashatus made a motion to continue the meeting with six (6) members present, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor. (With 5 late attendees, the quorum was met) The *Pledge of Allegiance* was then recited and the order of business proceeded upon.

**II. *Secretary***, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner then read the minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, which was not presented at the last meeting. Faye Maloney made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor.

**III. *Treasurer***. In the absence of Francis Zaleski, Tom Kashatus presented the treasurers report for August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. Faye Maloney made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.

## IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communications*

- a) Arieli Brabant attended by her mother, came to the meeting room at 7:00pm to deliver cupcakes that she baked to thank members for her NTCO sponsorship in the *Miss Pennsylvania Pre-Teen Pageant*.
- b) An invoice in the amount \$47.40 from Quality Host Online to cover the cost for one (1) year of website service was presented for payment. This will close out the 2012 reserve in this expense category for a total cost of \$58.39.
- c) The letter to the contribution department of *Capital Group Companies* was presented in response to the donation made to NTCO by former, township native, Corey Zdanavage.
- d) A card was received from former, township native, Nick Tullai in appreciation of the "good work" being done by NTCO.
- e) A letter was received from the *Glen Lyon Crime Watch* in appreciation of the monetary donation of \$100.00 made towards their "National Night Out" event held on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- f) An invitation was received from the *Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* for the "2012 Community Awards Program" to be held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the amount of \$225.00 be allowed to pay the reservation costs of five members @ \$45.00 per person, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor. There was a brief discussion as to who would be available to attend.
- g) A letter was received from Jaye Tullai expressing appreciation on behalf of her father, former, township native, Martin Tullia. Jaye writes "my Dad was so delighted with the NTCO memorabilia package that he wanted to send some pieces to his life long friend, Mike Rentko", also a former, township native. Jaye went on to write that her father was most impressed "with the wonderful job your organization is doing".

## V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership – Mary Lou Zaleski will sponsor Gerald Butchko, Carol (Niemiec) Maciejczyk, and Stanley Shepard as new members. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept all three as new members, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Mary Margaret Kashatus will sponsor Debbie Krupinski and Jim Gavin as new members. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept both as new members, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Heidi Jarecki will sponsor Marie (Ramaika) Jurchak as a new member. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that the display featuring NTCO clothing items at the Variety Stop in Glen Lyon is a success. Heidi also stated that she would need an increase in the fundraising reserve to accommodate the printing of the 2013 NTCO Calendars in October. A total of 150 calendars will be available for purchase. Heidi promised to have the figures for the next meeting. Palmira Gregory Miller reported that while visiting family in Los Angeles, California, her uncle, Joe Tullai, purchased some NTCO memorabilia.
- c) Summer Fun Program – Tom Kashatus reported that NTCO in partnership with the Women's Activity Group would sponsor a day of swimming at the pool in Mocanaqua on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2012. It was estimated that 65 kids would be in attendance. It was also reported that the Women's Activity Group would be handing out "back to school" supplies at the event.
- d) Newsletter Editorial Board Meeting – No date scheduled
- e) Newsletter Editors – Paul Jarecki provided the outline for the Fall 2012 Newsletter. Anyone interested in contributing an article for the newsletter should do so by September 12<sup>th</sup> 2012. Palmira reported that Saint Nicholas' Ukrainian Catholic church in Glen Lyon has put together a cookbook for fundraising and should be mentioned in the newsletter.

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### V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- f) Newsletter Advertisements – No Report
- g) Newsletter Distribution – No Report
- h) Recreation Board Meeting – It was reported that in absence of a quorum, the Newport Township Recreation Board did not hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- i) Hospitality/Sunshine – It was reported that a card would be sent to Mr. Elwood Rinehimer of Glen Lyon, who was admitted to the hospital for observation.
- j) Recycling – Tom Kashatus gave a brief report on the recent “electronics recycling event” that was held in Luzerne County. The date for the upcoming “tire-recycling event” was not known.
- k) Publicity – John Jarecki reported that for 2012 there has been approximately 12,000 visits to the NTCO website, with an increase of 25% around the time of the quarterly newsletter. Overall, the website has seen a steady increase since it was established.
- l) The Great American Clean Up – No Report
- m) New Township Businesses – No Report

### VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) The NTCO sponsored dinner for the *Mother Theresa Haven* program is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Volunteers should report to the former, Pope John Paul School on Hanover Street in Nanticoke at 3pm for prepping of the meal.
- b) The “Make a Difference Day” program sponsored by *USA Weekend News* was briefly discussed. Palmira mentioned that the *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* (PEC) has a similar program through grants and in-kind donations.
- c) Palmira stated that she would no longer be a member of the NTCO Nominating Committee. Tom Kashatus volunteered to take her place. The other members are: Mary Margaret Kashatus and Heidi Jarecki.
- d) Tom Kashatus stated that he is waiting to hear back from Vinnie Mitchell regarding the replacement of the American flag on Retreat Mountain. Tom also mentioned that there has been a lot of interest in the project from township residents

### VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira Gregory Miller reported that Leigh Bonczewski of *Representative Gerald Mullery’s office* contacted her out of curiosity regarding a trailer that was placed next to the former, Regional Equipment Center. It was discovered that the trailer is part of a program sponsored by the *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* (DEP) involving mine reclamation of 40-acres of land owned by *Earth Conservancy* and the repair of the eroded hilltop on the Penobscot Trail.
- b) Palmira asked that the officers remain after the meeting is adjourned for a brief discussion.

### 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. As is maintaining the memorial tree located at the Wanamie Recreation Park.
- c) NTCO members should strive to attend public meetings throughout the township whenever possible and always promote our organization with pride.

### IX. *Adjournment*

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner