

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 28th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Faye Maloney	Heidi Jarecki	Teena Wrubel
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Lori Hulse	Paul Jarecki	Lucy Wazowicz

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business.

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of August 14th 2012. Paul Jarecki made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Teena Wrubel, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner then read the minutes from March 13th 2012, which were not presented or approved at the meeting of that time. Lori Hulse made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for August 28th 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) A communication was received from Keith Bartle of *South Street Subs* in Nanticoke, who caught illegal dumpers in the act and notified the police. Palmira stated that Mr. Bartle has photos from the site and will put together a narrative that will be featured in the newsletter.
- b) A list of finalists was received from the *Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* for their 2012 Community Awards Program that will be held Thursday, August 30th 2012 in Scranton. NTCO has made reservations for five members to attend on behalf of the organization. It was decided that Francis Zaleski will go in place of Bill Hourigan, should he not be able to attend as planned. Tom stated that Kurt Bauman from *NEPA Alliance* would be introducing him to other like-minded organizations at the event and that the potential existed for grant opportunities.
- c) The *Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* newsletter was received listing their upcoming programs, registration information and funding updates. The newsletter was available for viewing. Anyone interested in attending a workshop should see Palmira.
- d) Tom Kashatus presented the report from the supper sponsored by NTCO for the *Mother Theresa Haven* program recently held at *Saint Faustina's Parish*. On August 15th, seven volunteers from the organization prepared and served seventy-two (72) hoagies for homeless individuals. The total cost came in at \$123.17, which was above the \$50.00 allowed for expenses. Linda Conner made a motion to increase the original allowance by \$73.17 to cover the entire expense, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- e) A tire-recycling program sponsored by *BRIDGESTONE Tire Company* was discussed. The program is called "**One Team, One Planet**", recycling one tire for one sold.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are 126 paid memberships and 6 junior memberships.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki brought a sample of the 2013 NTCO Calendar for viewing. 150 calendars will be printed at a cost of \$525.00 plus tax. Heidi reported that an increase in the fund-raising reserve would not be needed. Heidi also reported that her sister, Juliana sold some NTCO memorabilia items at the Newport Township "Class of 1955" reunion. Teena Wrubel mentioned that the Newport Township "Class of 1963" reunion was planned for July 2013.
- c) Summer Fun Program – Tom Kashatus presented the report from the outing at the pool in Mocanaqua on August 16th 2012. 59 children and 22 adults attended the event. The total cost came in at \$485.69 leaving a balance of \$264.31. Tom made a motion to close out the reserve for the summer fun program. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski took exception to this, but then withdrew his disapproval and supported the motion. Lori Hulse made a motion to allow the reserve to be closed as originally requested, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Tom also mentioned that since the *Newport Township Women's Activity Group* partnered in the event, he would contact Brenda Grabowski to discuss the article for the newsletter.
- d) Newsletter Editorial Board Meeting – No date scheduled
- e) Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that the Fall 2012 Newsletter currently stood at 24 pages in length. There was a brief discussion on articles, advertisements and what space would allow. An article was written regarding the new, **Voter ID Law** in Pennsylvania with an updated version planned should the Supreme Court repeal the law. Paul stated that without proof of licensing and bonding, he could not allow the full page advertisement requested by Harold DeStefano for his home repair business.
- f) Newsletter Advertisements – No Report
- g) Newsletter Distribution – No Report
- h) Recreation Board Meeting – It was reported that the Newport Township Recreation Board would appoint Paul Pierson to the board to replace Lori Vandermark. It was expected that the decision would be confirmed at the meeting of the Newport Township Commissioners on September 5th 2012.

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- i) Hospitality/Sunshine – It was reported that a card was sent to Mr. Elwood Rinehimer wishing him a quick return to good health. It was also reported that a card was sent to Mr. Michael Yalsh Jr. & family in sympathy of the recent passing of his father-in-law, John M Nagy.
- j) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the recycling project at the shop of the late Nello Roke was wrapping up and that property may have a buyer. It was also reported that the “tire-recycling” program was scheduled for Saturday, October 6th 2012 in Butler Township and Saturday, October 13th 2012 in Hanover Township. Palmira discussed the possibility of expanding the event with **Pennsylvania Environmental Council’s Community Illegal Dumpsite Program** and **Earth Conservancy**. A partnership with the *Juvenile Probation Office of Luzerne County* was also mentioned as juvenile offenders could meet their community service requirements as volunteers for the event.
- k) Publicity – It was reported that the photo of the check presentation to the *Nanticoke Area Little League* was featured in the **TIMES LEADER** newspaper on August 26th 2012.
- l) The Great American Clean Up Event & Others – Palmira tentatively scheduled the *Adopt-A-Highway* obligation of NTCO for Saturday, September 8th and/or Sunday, September 9th 2012. The event was weather-permitting and depended on availability of volunteers.
- m) New Township Businesses – No Report
- n) NTCO Nominations Committee – No Report

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) The *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* may cancel their “**Pumpkin Festival**” planned for Sunday, October 21st 2012 because of time constraints.
- b) Tom heard from the caretakers of the American flag on Retreat Mountain with regards to its’ replacement. Though there has been interest from township residents, the caretakers indicated that they would like any action to be done quietly with no publicity.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Francis Zaleski mentioned that a memorial site is planned at the old, Huber Breaker in Ashley. Engraved bricks can be purchased for the walkway with the price based on the number of letters to be engraved. Details on the event and the historical significance of the site can be viewed on the website. There was no discussion on the purchase of a brick by the organization.
- b) It was reported that the Public Works Department has been busy in Newport Township with road repair projects. Specifically mentioned were sites at Spruce & Laurel Streets in Alden and Engle & Railroad Streets in Glen Lyon.
- c) Tom Kashatus reported that *Magistrate Donald Whitaker* invited him into his Nanticoke office where he was hearing court involving non-payment of “garbage & recycling” permits and violations of “nuisance property” code in Newport Township. Chief Robert Impaglia of the *Newport Township Police Department* was also in attendance. *Magistrate Whitaker* stated that violations of property code would always be taken seriously.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

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

IX. *Adjournment*

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner