

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

September 11, 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Miller	Francis Zaleski	Sharon Julius	Faye Maloney	Paul Jarecki
Tom Kashatus	Bill Hourigan	John Jarecki	Heidi Jarecki	

I. *President*, Palmira Gregory Miller called the September 11th meeting to order at 6:30. There was no quorum, since only 8 members attended. Francis made a motion to hold a meeting, Sharon seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor. Palmira then lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for all that perished in the 911 attacks.

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner could not attend the meeting because of illness. Palmira read the minutes of the previous meeting of August 28. Heidi made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Bill seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report. Total organization funds are \$24,392.96. Since August 14, receipts have been \$217.50. There have been no disbursements. Sharon made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, Paul seconded it, and all voted in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication,*

We received the following bills and communications:

- a) A check for \$1,000 as a matching donation to an original gift of \$500 from Corey Zdanavage. We received the \$1000 from Corey's employer through Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation.
- b) A request for a donation from the organizers of the Holy Child Car and Truck Show, which will be held at Holy Child Grove on Sunday September 23. Tom made a motion to donate \$100, Sharon seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- c) An announcement from the Nanticoke Historical Society of an Open House and Yard Sale which the group will hold on Saturday September 15. Charles Petrillo will also present a slide show on the history of Harvey's Lake.
- d) An announcement of a Harvest Fest and Craft Fair which will be held at Hampton House on Sunday September 16 from 11 am to 3 pm.
- e) A letter from the Newport Township Recreation Board thanking the sponsors (which included the Community Organization) of their Bicycle Helmet Day.
- f) An invitation from NRS (Northeast Recycling Solutions) of a Plant Tour and lunch, which will be held from 11 am to 2 pm on Wednesday September 19. This company uses single stream recycling, a new type of recycling that can lower costs for municipalities such as Newport.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership - Tom reported that we have 127 members.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi said that she and Paul just took the 2013 calendar to the printer.
- c) Newsletter – Heidi said that we have no more space in the fall newsletter. Tom said that he told Harald De Stefano that there is no space in the fall newsletter for his ad.. Paul said that Mike Blasi, our printer, intends to put an ad in our newsletter. Tom made a motion to put a free ad for Speedy's in the fall newsletter for his donation of recyclables, Faye seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Tom said that we should print 1400 copies to have some for distribution at the All Newport Reunion. Heidi suggested that we have color on the first and last pages of the fall newsletter, which would display the colorful trees in the Rec Park, for about \$330 for 1200 newsletter copies. After a discussion by members, Paul made a motion to print 1400 copies of the newsletter with color at a cost of approximately \$1750, and John seconded the motion. The members voted 4 to 3 against the motion.

Palmira said that we should have an Editorial Board meeting with Joe Maloney present, and ask him for a financial report on newsletter ads. Paul said that he will send the newsletter to the Editorial Board on September 24 and take it to the printer on September 26th.

- d) Recreation Board – Heidi said that the September 11 meeting of the Recreation Board did not take place because of lack of a quorum.
- e) Hospitality – Tom said that Al Kanyuck is in the hospital.

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- f) Recycling – Tom said that Ken Marquis, a Scranton resident, bought the Roke estate, which includes a number of Glen Lyon properties such as Nello Roke’s business and the former Peterfreund Store. Mr. Marquis will hold an estate sale at the Peterfreund property on October 6. He will then take whatever he can use from what is left, and will then leave the rest for recycling by the Community Organization. The property has a great deal of metal, which can be profitably recycled.
- g) Adopt a Highway – Palmira said that we should schedule a cleanup of Kirmar Parkway for the fall.
- h) Citizenship Award – Palmira appointed Tom to join Heidi and Mary Margaret on the Award Committee.
- i) Publicity – John said that he added to our Facebook page the photo of Organization members at the NCAC Awards dinner. He will also write instructions for members to view our Facebook page.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Francis said that the Huber Breaker Preservation Society is selling bricks, with or without lettering, to raise money for its breaker memorial. The bricks will be part of the memorial site. Francis made a motion that the Organization purchase a brick with 3 lines of text for \$75, Heidi seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.
- b) Palmira said that at the NCAC Awards Dinner, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) received a first place award and Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) received a runner up award. She said that the PEC Partnership Awards Dinner is in October. Tom made a motion to donate a basket to the raffle at the PEC dinner, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor. Palmira suggested that the Community Organization apply for a PEC Partnership award for next year.
- c) Palmira said that we will partner with PEC to remove tires from several Township illegal dump sites: 1) a site off Pipe Road, 2) a site off Kirmar Parkway under the PPL power line, and 3) a site across the road from the Newport Aggregate quarry.

VII. New Business

- a) Sharon suggested we hold a dance for teens at the American Legion before Thanksgiving. Sharon will come back at the next meeting with more information.
- b) Heidi suggested that we hold a Country Line Dance for adults. She also suggested that we hold a nature walk in each season. We discussed having one in the spring and advertising it in the winter newsletter. Heidi also suggested that we look into creating a Coal Miners’ Memorial in the Township. Palmira suggested representatives from all township organizations be involved in a project like this.
- c) Palmira asked for a list of all our corporate sponsors throughout the year.

VIII. 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

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heidi seconded it, and all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki