

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

September 25th 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Faye Maloney	Lori Hulse	Sharon Julius
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Joe Maloney	Paul Jarecki	Alice Dymond
				Lucy Wazowicz

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

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of September 11th 2012. Sharon Julius made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for September 25th 2012. He also presented a revision of the treasurers' report from September 11th 2012 in which four (4) disbursements were inadvertently omitted. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report of September 25th and revised report of September 11th 2012 be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- A card and monetary donation of \$100.00 was received from Jim and Mary Ann Murphy in remembrance of their brother-in-law, Dr. Richard Schell.
- An out-of-pocket expense of \$9.00 was presented for payment. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski incurred the expense for the purchase of postage stamps. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the amount in full from petty cash, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- A flyer was presented announcing the *Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association's "Fall Craft Festival"* to be held Saturday October 10th 2012 from 10am to 4pm. The event will take place in the Gymnasium, Campus Center and surrounding courtyards.
- A schedule of events was received from the *Susquehanna Riverlands Environmental Preserve* listing their Fall 2012 environmental programs. For more information, please logon to pplpreserve@pplweb.com.
- An article from *The Citizens Voice* newspaper was presented featuring the story of Bernie Mihneski, a Glen Lyon resident and Vietnam veteran, who recently had his dog tags returned to him by the POW/MIA Awareness Committee. Tom Kashatus was told that the group was able to find Mr. Mihneski because of the NTCO newsletter online.
- An article from the *AMERICAN PROFILE* news insert was presented featuring the story of volunteers in a former coal-mining town in Ohio, who were revitalizing their community. Tom Kashatus stated that the article was interesting as the group was doing work similar to that of the *Newport Township Community Organization*.

V. Reports of Committee

- Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 127 members.
- Fundraising – Paul Jarecki reported that the printing of the 2013 NTCO Calendars was complete. The calendars can be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tom Kashatus stated that, as Paul and Heidi Jarecki would not be available on Saturday, October 6th 2012, he would attend the *All Class Reunion of Newport Township* in their place with the NTCO memorabilia items available for purchase.
- Newsletter Editorial Board – Palmira Gregory Miller announced that the meeting of the editorial board would immediately follow the regular meeting of September 25th 2012.
- Newsletter Editors – Paul Jarecki reported that the Fall 2012 Newsletter was at the printers and could possibly be available for distribution by October 6th 2012. As agreed at the previous meeting, the newsletter would be printed completely in black & white
- Newsletter Advertisements – Joe Maloney stated that he had a report on the paid and unpaid ads ready to present at the meeting of the editorial board.
- Newsletter Distribution – 1,400 copies of the newsletter will be available for distribution.
- Recreation Board Meeting – No Report
- Fall Teen Dance – Sharon Julius reported that she and her committee were working on the event scheduled for Saturday, November 10th 2012 at the American Legion in Glen Lyon. Sharon presented some flyers and posters that had been made by area teens. There was a brief discussion on refreshments and disc jockeys. A tentative budget amount will be needed prior to funding be made available.
- Hospitality/Sunshine – It was reported that a card was sent to Mr. Al Kanyuck wishing him a quick return to good health and that a card would be sent to Mr. Andy Sweeney, who was unwell. A sympathy card was sent to member Chris Gregory, whose mother passed away and to member Florence Lynch, on the recent passing of her sister.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the project of cleaning out the shop of the late Nello Roke was complete and that the properties have been sold to Ken Marquis, who has already begun renovation. Tom stated that NTCO was approached for recycling of material located at the sites, but that the project would be time-consuming and very involved for NTCO to handle alone. He has spoken with Dean Myers, coach of the GNA baseball team, who is looking for means to raise funds, on a possible partnership between the team and NTCO. Any profits from the project would be given to the team

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- k) Tire Recycling – It was reminded that the “tire-recycling” program was scheduled for Saturday, October 6th 2012 in Butler Township and Saturday, October 13th 2012 in Hanover Township. To register, please call (800) 821-7654.
- l) Publicity – The article with photograph featured in the *Times Leader* newspaper of the NTCO check presentation to the *Newport Township Police Department* was available for viewing as was the article with photograph featured in *The Citizens Voice* newspaper of the NT CO check presentation to the *Nanticoke Area Little League*.
- m) Adopt-A-Highway – Palmira Miller Gregory stated that the event would be scheduled for Saturday, October 20th 2012.
- n) NTCO Nominations Committee – The election for new, NTCO officers will be held Tuesday, November 27th 2012.
- o) Citizenship Award – An article will appear in the Fall 2012 newsletter asking for nominations for the second recipient of the award. Mrs. Joseph (Phoebe) Hillian of Glen Lyon was presented with the first award at the NTCO “end of year” dinner meeting in 2011.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) It was reported that the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* held their “Open House” event at Luzerne County Community College on Thursday, September 20th 2012. Palmira Gregory Miller, Tom Kashatus and Stephen Phillips were in attendance.
- b) It was reported that *Northeast Recycling Solutions* held their “Open House” event on Wednesday, September 19th 2012. Palmira Gregory Miller, Tom Kashatus, Bill Hourigan and John Jarecki were on hand for a tour of the facility that features “single-stream” recycling. Palmira stated that the site was impressive and that the services offered could have a positive impact on local municipalities.
- c) Tom Kashatus stated that two (2) extra reservations were needed for the *Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* 2012 Community Awards Program held August 30th 2012 and that he purchased the tickets at the time of the event at his expense. Joe Maloney made a motion to reimburse Tom in the amount of \$90.00 for his out-of-pocket expense, seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

VII. New Business

- a) It was reported that Chief Robert Impaglia of the *Newport Township Police Department* recently resigned from the department to take a new position. Officer Jim Evans has been assigned as acting chief for the time being. NTCO wishes Mr. Impaglia well on his new endeavor.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner