

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

January 22nd 2013, 7:25 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller
Tom Kashatus

Bill Hourigan
Linda Conner

Paul Jarecki
Heidi Jarecki

Mary Jo Evans

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 with 7 members present, seconding by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor. The president then 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 January 8th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer. In the absence of Francis Zaleski, Tom Kashatus presented the treasurers report for January 22nd 2013. Bill Hourigan 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) Palmira Miller had an "out of pocket" expense of \$20.11 for the purchase of office supplies. Linda Conner made a motion for Palmira to be reimbursed in full, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.
- b) It was reported that the check given to the *Nanticoke Mini Trojans* was returned by the bank because it was lacking the required two signatures. Due to the error, the football program incurred a penalty expense of \$25.00. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to reimburse the organization \$25.00 for the penalty they incurred, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- c) An invoice was received from *Blasi Printing Company* in the amount of \$1,338.78 for the printing of the newsletter. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- d) A verbal communication was received from Robert Chapracki asking that news of the upcoming class reunion for the Newport Township "Class of 1963" be made available in the spring newsletter.
- e) The newsletter from the *Nonprofit Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* was received via email. Palmira provided a hard copy for the meeting.
- f) A verbal communication was received from Martin "Mitch" Tullai informing the organization that he would be providing 14 copies of his book, "**Football's Best: Quips, Quotes & Quellers**" to be sold with all proceeds to benefit NTCO. After some discussion, Tom Kashatus made a motion for NTCO to sell the book at \$10.00 per copy, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that membership renewal for 2013 is currently in progress.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that 5th miniature of Newport Township historic site commemorative memorabilia is in design at the *Cats Meow*
- c) Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki provided an outline of the upcoming, spring newsletter. Publication is set for some time after Easter. There was discussion on a subscription fee to offset the cost of postage for the newsletter mailing list.
- d) Hospitality/Sunshine – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that a card was sent to Mary Ann Ricci in sympathy of the recent passing of her mother, Geraldine Smocharski.
- e) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that books and toys obtained during collection of recyclables were given to the *Children's Museum of Bloomsburg*. Tom stated that the museum was a worthwhile place to visit and suggested that a link be established between their websites and that of NTCO. There was further discussion of making a trip to the museum as part of the Summer Fun Program. It was reported that 2012 saw 120,847 pounds of metal collected by NTCO for recycling with over \$20,000.00 in earnings.
- f) Great American Cleanup – Palmira let it be known that *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* was very appreciative of the monetary gift from NTCO to offset the cost of *Keep America Beautiful (KAB)* affiliation.
- g) New Township Business Committee – Tom Kashatus reported that a ribbon-cutting event was in the works for TJ Moore Collectibles that recently opened on East Main Street in Glen Lyon.
- h) Nominating Committee – The Board of Directors meeting will take place prior to the organizations next meeting.

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VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) Palmira reported that the website for the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* is still offline. Recent changes have resulted to the organization becoming two, separate entities.
- b) It was reported that the plaques for both the Citizenship Award Recipients and Deceased Members Memorial were in the process of being updated.
- c) There was further discussion on continuing the annual monetary donation to *The Knights of Columbus*. Tom felt that even though NTCO no longer meets at KOC hall in Glen Lyon, it is still the “home” of the organization. Bill Hourigan made a motion to continue support with a monetary gift of \$200.00, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.
- d) It was reported that *Cub Scouts Pack #430* will hold their soup sale on Sunday, February 10th 2013 at the American Legion Hall in Glen Lyon.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira reported that the *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders* will host a “Community Organization of the Night” program during their inaugural season designed to bring attention to area non-profit groups. After some discussion, Tom Kashatus made a motion to move forward with the initiative, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- b) Tom reported that, due to transportation issues, *Saint Theresa Haven* will not be holding their “shelter the homeless” program normally held this time of year.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park is the responsibility of all members.
- b) 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.
- c) Members of the organization should attend public meeting throughout the township whenever possible.
- d) New membership, fundraising, etc. are the responsibility of each and every member.
- e) Whenever attending an event as an NTCO member, promote the organization with pride.
- f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in the NTCO newsletter.

IX. *Adjournment*

Linda Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner