

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

February 12th 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Bill Hourigan	Linda Conner	Alice Dymond	Paul Jarecki
Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	Mary Jo Evans	Sharon Julius	Heidi Jarecki

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a quorum, Francis Zaleski made a motion to continue with 8 members present, seconded by Tom Kashatus, 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. (The quorum was later met with the arrival of two members at 7:20pm.)

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the dinner meeting of December 11th 2012. Sharon Julius made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner then read the minutes from the previous meeting of January 22nd 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for February 12th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Alice Dymond, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) A letter was received from Joe Rogowicz, in which a \$10.00 donation was enclosed to reimburse the organization for the newsletter that is mailed to him. This led to further discussion on a subscription fee, a matter that was brought up briefly at a previous meeting and discussed at some length at a meeting of the editorial board. Tom Kashatus made a motion for the organization to charge a \$10.00 fee annually to mail the newsletter, seconded by Frances Zaleski, with all voting in favor. A notice will appear in the spring 2013 Newsletter announcing the subscription fee, which guarantees the subscriber four (4) newsletters delivered by mail to their door.
- b) A letter was received from former township resident, Joe Betkoski requesting that an article be written on the late, Anna Armstrong of Alden who passed away recently at the age of 104 years. Editor, Heidi Jarecki stated that she has contacted the daughter of Mrs. Armstrong with regards to the possibility of such an article.
- c) A letter was received from *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* thanking the organization for renewing their membership for 2013 and supporting their ongoing and future projects.
- d) An application was received from the *Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* for candidates to be nominated for their Community Awards program. All nominations must be received by April 1st 2013.
- e) An email was received from the *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* announcing the Susquehanna Greenway Grants Workshop to be held on Tuesday, February 19th 2013.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus will sponsor new members; George Check, Dennis Matzoni, Larry Dauber, Theresa (Mitarnowski) Dauber, and Patricia (Rembecki) Dule. Francis Zaleski made a motion to accept the new members, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that 5th miniature of Newport Township historic site commemorative memorabilia is in design at the *Cats Meow* and that the template is forthcoming.
- c) Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki provided a revised outline for the upcoming, spring newsletter. As discussed previously, it was agreed that the back page of the newsletter will be used solely by the organization. Paul stated that he would like to include the advertisement of *Blasi Printing Company* on the back page, in appreciation of the assistance they provide with our printing projects.
- d) Hospitality/Sunshine – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that cards were sent to Albert Kanyuck, Dorothy Stegura, Evelyn Miller and Dr. Michael Kush wishing them all a quick return to good health. It was mentioned that the father of Joanne (McCarthy) Smigelski had recently passed away.
- e) Newport Township Recreation Board Meeting – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that when they arrived at the *American Legion* in Glen Lyon for the meeting, they found that no one came to unlock the doors. So the waiting board members were asked back to the Jarecki home to conduct their business. Discussion included the repair of the scoreboard at the baseball field that will be operable for the upcoming season. Heidi asked that the board submit a letter to NTCO stating their intentions for replacing the swings at the Alden Playground. She also passed on the information for the Susquehanna Greenway Grants Workshop to be held on Tuesday, February 19th 2013.
- f) Great American Cleanup – Palmira announced that the Great American Cleanup will begin April 20th 2013 and run thru May 6th. She is currently working on projects for the event.
- g) Recycling – Tom reported that the winter hiatus of the recycling program will end soon.
- h) Publicity – It was reported that the wrong name of venue for the Yearend Dinner Meeting appeared in the newspaper. With John and Carol Jarecki away, this will be addressed at another time.

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V. Reports of Committees (continues)

- i) Spring Dance – Committee leaders Sharon Julius and Alice Dymond gave a brief report on the second dance to be sponsored by the organization. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to hold the dance on May 11th 2013 at the American Legion in Glen Lyon, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. There was discussion on refreshments, advertisement and the possibility of a \$2.00 cover charge. Sharon stated that she will submit a cost analysis for the event at the next meeting.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Palmira reported that the website for the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* is offline. It was reported previously that recent changes have resulted of 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) The *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders* will host NTCO for their “Community Organization of the Night” program at the evening game on Saturday, August 17th 2013. There will be more discussion on this event as the date approaches.

VII. New Business

- a) Heidi Jarecki proposed that NTCO sponsor a High School Scholarship Award for a deserving senior from the Newport Township/Nanticoke area. Tom Kashatus made a motion for the appointment of a committee to research the matter further, seconded by Francis Zaleski, with all voting in favor. President Palmira Gregory Miller appointed Heidi Jarecki, Tom Kashatus and Bill Hourigan to the committee.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner