

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

May 14, 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center• Sheatown, PA.

Attendees:

Faye Maloney	Francis Zaleski	Tom Kashatus	Mary Jo Evans
Joe Maloney	Heidi Jarecki	John Jarecki	
Bill Hourigan	Paul Jarecki	Debbie Prokop	

I. *Second Vice President*, Bill Hourigan called the May 14th meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Since there was no quorum at this time, Heidi made a motion to hold a meeting, Paul seconded it, and all present voted in favor.

II. *Since Secretary* Linda Conner could not attend the meeting, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer John Jarecki read the minutes from the April 23rd meeting. Heidi made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Mary Jo seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

III. *Treasurer*, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report. Total organization funds are \$35,406.27. Since April 23, receipts have been \$2,587.44 and disbursements, \$465.17. Mary Jo made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, Faye seconded it, and all voted in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*

We received the following bills and communications.

- a) Heidi received a letter from Barbara Stavetski in Turnersville, New Jersey. She said that she enjoys reading the newsletter and sent us \$10.00 for a newsletter subscription.
- b) Tom received a \$100.00 contribution from the Newport Township Lions Club.
- c) [Francis (after the meeting ended) said that he paid a liability insurance bill that was due on May 13. We will approve payment at the next meeting.]

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership - Tom reported that we have 166 members. Mary Jo sponsored Josephine Turner Smith as a new member. Heidi made a motion to accept her as a member, Joe seconded it, and all voted in favor. Heidi sponsored Patricia Chapracki Trask as a new member. Bill made a motion to accept her, Faye seconded it, and all voted in favor. Barbara Yacuboski sponsored Marie and Ron Galli as new members. Heidi made a motion to accept them, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor. Heidi sponsored Reverend Adrian Tirpak as a new member. Bill made a motion to accept him, Joe seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi presented to the group what she believed was a final version of the Najaka's Pond miniature, which included a history of the Pond, and asked for comments. Paul made a motion to go ahead with production of the miniature pending final approval by the Najaka family. Mary Jo seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- C) Newsletter – Heidi asked if we could leave some newsletters in a store near Lily Lake for residents who are interested in reading it. Tom suggested that we could leave some copies in Sager's Pizza in Mocanaqua. Paul asked people who have stories and photos for the newsletter to get them to him as soon as possible. Joe said that all was well with getting ads for the newsletter. Tom said that Jerry, Rick, and Jake Malishchak had taken truckloads of metal to the recycling center for us and that we should therefore give them a free ad in the newsletter.
- d) Publicity – John said that if Tom would give him photos from the Great American Cleanup, he would put a representative group of them on our website.
- f) Rec Board – Heidi reported that there was no meeting of the Rec Board tonight because of a lack of quorum. She also said that on Saturday May 18 the Rec Board will be installing a new scoreboard at the girls' softball field in the Wanamie Rec Park.
- g) Spring Dance – Faye reported that only 20 adolescents and 4 adults came to the spring dance at the American Legion.

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h) Great American Cleanup – Palmira wrote the following:

- 1) Under the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program inmates worked to clean up areas in Ridgeview and near the Old Newport Cemetery and St. Nicholas Cemetery. The Spooky Off Road Club removed 200 tires and Nick, from the Compost Center of the Earth Conservancy (EC), cleaned up a number of illegal dumpsites on EC land.
- 2) J. P. Mascaro donated 2 trash dumpsters and PEC paid Waste Reduction for 3 trash and 1 tire dumpster.
- 3) During the Community Pride Event (Road Cleanup), volunteers filled 100 bags of trash and picked up 9 tires and 1 mattress. PennDOT took away all trash.
- 4) Thank you to all who participated in the Big Junk Drop-off.
- 5) The Commissioners do not want us to plant our Butterfly Garden near the entrance sign of the Glen Lyon Rec Park. They are afraid that it may attract bees, which may sting children. They said that we could put plants that do not attract bees near the park entrance. Palmira and Tom will oversee these projects. Debbie Prokop said that she asked John Vishnefski to request a water tanker from PA American Water to water our butterfly garden.

i) Recycling- Tom said that he had received \$1339 from metal recycling during the Great American Cleanup.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Heidi said that she had a flyer showing what Newport memorabilia she had for sale, and asked for its approval to be printed. Tom suggested we approve the flyer with the provision that, if the Community Organization logo becomes available in the near future, we add it to the flyer. Paul made a motion that we do this, Joe seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- b) Heidi said that Mike Yalch is willing to give his presentation on Coal Mining in Newport Township, but that he had not talked to him recently.
- c) Tom said that the only the older members of the Knights of Columbus think that it is too expensive to maintain their hall and want to sell it, and that we should talk to them about keeping the building and sharing costs among several Township organizations.

VII. New Business

- a) Tom said that we have to apply to the Sate for a license to collect sales tax on items that we sell.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) Heidi asked if the Community organization can get a table at the Firemen's Bazaar to sell memorabilia. Tom said he would talk to them
- b) Palmira will ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expenses.
- c) Attend meetings of organizations within the township. The next Commissioners meeting is Monday, June 4th.
- d) Membership, fundraising, etc., is the responsibility of all members.
- 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 our newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki