

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

July 9th 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Mary Jo Evans	Stephanie Stogoski	Paul Jarecki
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	Debbie Prokop	Heidi Jarecki
Bill Hourigan		John Jarecki		

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, 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 June 25th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski represented the treasurers' report for June 25th 2013 with corrections and/or clarifications. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. The treasurer then presented his report for July 9th 2013. Mary Jo Evans made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- Palmira Miller presented an invoice from *Quality Host* in the amount of \$47.40 for website privileges, which she paid out-of-pocket. Tom Kashatus made a motion to reimburse Palmira for the expense, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- A letter was received from the *Nanticoke 12th Man Football Booster Club* asking if NTCO would be interested in again advertising in their tournament program. Tom Kashatus made a motion to purchase a ½ page ad for the price of \$50.00, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor. Palmira requested that a copy of the program be obtained and kept on file.
- Tom Kashatus presented a human interest story featured in the July/August 2013 edition of *Healthy Living* magazine entitled; "Dick & Rick Hoyt's story of Love & Perseverance" on how the family conquers cerebral palsy.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 181 members. Francis Zaleski will sponsor David Kule as a new member. Stephanie Stogoski made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki gave a brief update on NTCO memorabilia sales. She also stated that the "Najaka Pond" collectible miniature, which is in production, should be ready soon.
- Newsletter Editors – Paul & Heidi Jarecki reported that 1,500 copies of the newsletter were printed and distributed. After a brief discussion it was decided to pre-approve the invoice that is forthcoming from *Blasi Printing Corp.* for immediate payment. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to pay the invoice for printing services in full upon receipt, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor. A meeting of the editorial board has been scheduled for 6:30pm, Wednesday, August 7th 2013 at the home of Paul & Heidi Jarecki.
- Newsletter Advertisements – It was reported that the invoicing for the newsletter advertisements have gone out and payments have been coming in. It was mentioned that the full page ad placed by a local contractor remains unpaid. Palmira requested that *K/C Hauling & Excavating* receive a free ad in the fall 2013 newsletter and a free ad in the spring 2014 newsletter in recognition of the assistance provided by Nick Kratz during the Great American Cleanup. Linda Conner made a motion to honor the request for the two free ads, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor. Palmira also requested that *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* receive another ad in light of their advertisement in the summer 2013 newsletter being difficult to read due to printing. Stephanie Stogoski made a motion for *PEC* to receive another complimentary ad, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. The advertisement will be placed in the winter 2013 newsletter as *PEC* is still owed an ad in the fall 2013 newsletter.
- Publicity – John Jarecki reported the photographs from the Great American Cleanup have been placed online in the internet photo album. With regards to this site, John stated that there are currently 4 links. He suggested that 3 links be eliminated and that only the link called "Photo Album of NTCO" be kept. This will allow for ease of navigation.
- Newport Township Recreation – Heidi Jarecki reported that again there was no meeting due to lack of quorum. Off the record, she was asked to fill the position on the board left open by the resignation of Susan Mieczkowski. Any appointments to the board would be pending approval by the *Newport Township Commissioners*. Heidi also reported that she was recently invited to attend a meeting of the *South Valley Babe Ruth Softball Organization* as a representative of NTCO.
- Hospitality – No Report
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that calls continue to come in for the pick-up of recyclable materials.
- Keep America Beautiful Projects – Palmira submitted a cost analysis report for the beautification project at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. Total cost for the project was \$241.90. It was decided that the butterfly garden to be planted at the park will begin early fall 2013.
- Summer Fun Program - NTCO will sponsor two swimming events at the pool in Mocanaqua as part of their summer program for township kids. The outings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 31st and Wednesday, August 21st 2013 from 10am to 2pm. Rain dates are scheduled for the day following each event. Refreshments will be provided.

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VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) The upcoming *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS* ballgame in which the Newport Township Community Organization will be the featured community group for the evening was again discussed. After a presentation by Palmira Miller of promotional items, it was voted to purchase bags [5 votes for bags, 2 votes for pencils, and 5 members abstained] featuring the NTCO logo that will be handed out at the event. Tom Kashatus made a motion that an allowance of \$200.00 be set aside for the purchase the items, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Palmira reported that tickets remain available for the game to be held Saturday, August 17th 2013.
- b) Palmira Miller reported that the swings for the Alden Playground should be delivered sometime during the week of July 14th 2013.

VII. New Business

- a) Palmira Miller suggested that the organization request quotes for insurance from *F.L. Knorek Insurance Agency* and *Sedor Insurance Agency*; two carriers that currently advertise in the NTCO newsletter. Tom Kashatus stated that he would request the quotes and also approach our current carrier, Corbett Insurance, on placing ad in our newsletter.
- b) It was reminded that a work session of the *Newport Township Commissioners* is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th 2013 at 5:00pm with the next meeting of the commissioners to be held Monday, August 5th 2013. NTCO members are encouraged to attend as are all residents of the township.
- c) The next meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* is schedule for 6:30pm, Tuesday, July 23rd 2013 at the Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon.

VIII. For the Good of the Organization

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park and the Glen Lyon Park garden 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 Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner