

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 27th 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Alden Playground • Alden, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Linda Conner	Cathy Goliash	Heidi Jarecki	Steven Dymond
Tom Kashatus	Bill Hourigan	Faye Maloney	Paul Jarecki	Alice Dymond
Francis Zaleski		Joe Maloney		Sharon Julius

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time. Because there was no flag present, the reciting of the *Pledge of Allegiance* was suspended. The president then proceeded with the order of business.

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of August 13th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Alice Dymond, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers' report for August 23rd 2013. Francis noted a discrepancy on the amount of the invoice from *The Target Group* in how it was recorded in the minutes versus what was actually paid. He stated that he would look into the matter to see where the mistake lies. Faye Maloney 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

- a) A letter was received from Karen Rejician, president of the *Glen Lyon Crime Watch* expressing their appreciation with the monetary donation of \$100.00 by the organization towards the "National Night out against Crime".

V. Reports of Committee

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 187 members. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Frank Shemanski as a new member. Francis Zaleski made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will also sponsor Thomas Diamond as a new member. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Steven Dymond, with all voting in favor. Heidi Jarecki will sponsor Bunny Zawilinski as a new member. Steven Dymond made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that overall, NTCO memorabilia sales did well in August.
- c) Newsletter (Editors, Advertisements & Distribution) – Paul and Heidi Jarecki provided an outline for the fall 2013 newsletter. Tom Kashatus submitted a business card for advertisement sales followed by a discussion on ad sizing and price. There were some potential changes. Joe Maloney stated that the issue with ad sizing for *Barbara's Custom Floral Creations* has not yet been resolved. Tom Kashatus plans on approaching *Corbett Insurance* on advertising in the newsletter and *Sedor Insurance Agency*, who already advertises, for an insurance quote.
- d) Hospitality – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that cards were sent to Alberta Yarasavage & family and to Sylvia Waclawski in sympathy of the passing of their mother, Verna Waclawski. It was reported that Pastor Adrian Tirpak has been having some health issues.
- e) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the Luzerne County Tire Recycling program will be held Saturday, October 5th in Butler Township and Saturday, October 12th in Hanover Township. It was reported that Beth DeNardi would like to enter Tom Kashatus and the *Newport Township Community Organization* for the "2014 Pennsylvania Waste Watchers Award" sponsored by the *Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PRO)*.
- f) Summer Fun Program – Palmira Miller submitted the cost analysis for the swimming event held on Wednesday, August 21st at the pool in Mocanaqua. There were also photographs of the event available for viewing.
- g) New Township Businesses – It was reported that a Tattoo & Jewelry Shop opened in the space next to *ShamPooch Pet Grooming Salon* on East Main Street in Glen Lyon.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Palmira Miller submitted a cost analysis for the *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS* ballgame held on Saturday, August 17th in which NTCO was the featured community organization of the evening. There were also photographs of the event available for viewing. The photos with a corresponding article can be seen in the upcoming fall 2013 newsletter.
- b) Volunteers are needed for the "Saint Theresa's Haven" program that will be held at *Saint Ignatius Church* in Kingston on Wednesday, September 11th. The organization will be assembling and serving hoagies for the program that provides shelter and a meal for those in need.
- c) Palmira Miller asked for a small, color change on the NTCO logo. There was a brief discussion and ultimately Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the color change as presented, seconded by Francis Zaleski, with all voting in favor.

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VII. *New Business*

- a) Chief Jeremy Blank of the *Newport Township Police Department* stopped by the meeting to discuss obtaining body cameras for the officers on patrol. The cameras cost \$299.00 each with three (3) being needed. Chief Blank plans on submitting a formal letter to the organization to provide details.
- b) A road clean up has been scheduled for the Kirmar Parkway on Saturday, September 7th 2013 as part of our “Adopt a Highway” obligation. Volunteers are asked to meet 8:00am at the parking lot of *Saint Nicholas’ Ukrainian Catholic Church* in Glen Lyon.
- c) Palmira Miller provided a letter from Eugene Haverlak of “**Mountain Top on the Move**” regarding a grassroots effort to restore the Wanamie Reservoir. Mr. Haverlak is asking for the involvement of other area community/civic groups. Steve Phillips plans on presenting the matter at a meeting of the *Newport Township Commissioners*.
- d) Members are asked to check out the recycling website at www.terracycle.com. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- e) The *Non-Profit Community Assistance Center (NCAC)* will hold their “2013 Community Awards Dinner” at the Woodlands Resort on Thursday, September 19th. The cost is \$45.00 per person. Palmira would like to have no more than 3 members attend the event on behalf of the organization.
- f) *Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC)* will hold their “2013 Partnership Awards Dinner” at the Woodlands Resort on Thursday, October 24th. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Tom Kashatus made a motion that NTCO participate in this event, seconded by Steven Dymond, with all voting in favor. Tom would like it noted that PEC is owed appreciation for their assistance and support with many NTCO events, as well as the efforts of Palmira Miller.
- g) The “13th Annual Holy Child Car & Truck Show” will be held Sunday, September 22nd at *Saint Faustina’s Grove* in Sheatown. Tom Kashatus and NTCO will host the “1st Annual Chili Cook-off” at the event.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Palmira expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers that have attended the various events through out the summer. She also stated that the herbs planted in the garden at the Coal Street Playground are doing well and everyone should help themselves.
- b) The next meeting of NTCO will be held 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 10th at the Guardian Elder Care Center.
- c) Heidi Jarecki included the following reminders: *Holy Spirit Parish* will hold the Saint Mary’s Homecoming Picnic on Friday, August 30th, Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st at the picnic grounds in Mocanaqua. The Annual “*Valley with a Heart*” motorcycle ride will be held Sunday, September 1st at Saint Faustina’s Grove in Sheatown. The *Newport Township High School* “Class of 1963” will hold their 50th class reunion on Labor Day weekend at the Holiday Inn in Wilkes-Barre.
- d) Maintenance of both the memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park and garden at the Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon is the responsibility of all members.
- e) 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.
- f) Members of the organization should attend public meeting throughout the township whenever possible.
- g) New membership, fundraising, etc. are the responsibility of each and every member.
- h) Whenever attending an event as an NTCO member, promote the organization with pride.
- i) 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 Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner