

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown, PA.

## Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Mary Jo Evans	Steve Dymond	Paul Jarecki
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	Debbie Prokop	Heidi Jarecki
Bill Hourigan	John Jarecki	Stephanie Stogoski	Ron Davis (guest)	

**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. In the absence of a quorum, Stephanie Stogoski made a motion to continue the meeting with nine members and a guest present, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Four additional members arrived later.

The President introduced guest speaker Ron Davis of *RJ Financial Services* who explained his proposal for a partnership with NTCO to promote our organization and its' mission. Ron spoke of his community involvement, his networking knowledge and what benefits he could provide us. He currently assists 300 clients with financial planning, including civic and non-profit groups. Palmira mentioned that Ron has helped NTCO in the past with donations and recyclable materials. After a brief discussion, Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor.

**II. Secretary,** Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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,** Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers' report with corrections from October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor. The treasurer then presented the report for November 12<sup>th</sup> 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

## IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) An invoice was received from *K/C Hauling & Excavation* in the amount of \$90.00 for mulch that was used in the Butterfly garden at Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) An invoice was received from *Davis Trophies & Plaques* in that amount of \$13.25 for engraving on two, lifetime membership plaques to Cathy Goliash and Daniel Blackburn. Faye Maloney made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- c) A thank you note with photograph was received from the *Luzerne County Chaos 12 U Girls Softball Team* expressing their appreciation of the monetary donation of \$500.00 made by NTCO to offset costs associated with their representation of Pennsylvania at the 2013 Babe Ruth World Series.
- d) A schedule was received from *The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS* announcing group outings for the 2014 minor league baseball season.
- e) A letter was received from Eugene Haverlak of *Mountain Top on the Move* asking for photographs of the Wanamie Reservoir.
- f) Heidi Jarecki read a letter received from Joe Betkoski expressing his appreciation for "an excellent job" on the newsletter article regarding the 1953 Glen Lyon Athletics Club championship baseball team and a letter from Alvesta Sebastianelli stating that she is "happy to see the pictures and read the articles about Newport Township".
- g) Faye Maloney verbally thanked everyone who came out to donate blood in honor of Veterans' Day. The event was sponsored by the *American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Post #539* on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the American Legion in Glen Lyon.

## V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 206 members. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Walter & Marie Sowa as new members. Francis Zaleski made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Stephanie Stogoski, with all voting in favor. Barbara Yacoboski will sponsor Rich Barski as a lifetime member. Francis Zaleski made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Steve Chest as a new member. Francis Zaleski made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Heidi Jarecki will sponsor Alvesta Sebastianelli as a new member member. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported on current sales of NTCO memorabilia.
- c) Newsletter (Editors, Advertisements & Distribution) – It was reported that attempts to open the email newsletter are not always successful. The problem may be PDF formatting related. John Jarecki stated that he would look into the matter.
- d) Publicity – John Jarecki reported that announcement of this evenings meeting was placed in both local newspapers as was the article with photograph regarding NTCO participation in the *RAILRIDERS' "Community Organization of the Night"* program. Photographs from the car show at Saint Faustina's Grove are now available for viewing on the NTCO website. Tom asked John to take photos of the check presentation to the *Newport Township Police Dept.* at the *Crime Watch* meeting on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Italian Club in Glen Lyon.

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## ***Report of Committees continued***

- e) Newport Twp. Recreation Board – Heidi Jarecki reported that again no meeting was held due to absence of a quorum.
- f) Hospitality – It was reported that the father of Atty. Chris Kule recently passed away. Mary Margaret Kashatus will be notified so that condolences may be sent.
- g) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that collection of recyclables is ongoing. Palmira thanked Tom and Steve Dymond for their continued efforts.
- h) Butterfly Garden – Palmira Miller reported that on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, three yards of mulch were delivered by *K/C Hauling & Excavating* to the site of the Butterfly garden at Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon. With the assistance of Mary Jo and Darien Evans, Payton and Hunter Sipple, Jason Schmidt and Harley Hunter, the mulch was spread and five butterfly bushes were planted and watered. Jim Caley stopped by and said that he would add plantings from his garden. Palmira expressed her appreciation to everyone who came out to help. Debbie Prokop mentioned that the garden can be nationally registered if it has a water source.
- i) NTCO Citizenship Award & Year-End Dinner – The end-of-year dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the American Legion in Glen Lyon. A reception hour begins at 5:30pm with dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Heidi Jarecki reported that the award committee would be meeting on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to choose the recipient of the 2013 Citizenship Award that will be presented at the dinner.

## ***VI. Unfinished Old Business***

- a) Palmira reported that she was informed by the *PA Department of Revenue* that NTCO has been granted state sales tax exemption as a non-profit organization.
- b) Tickets are still available for the showing of the film, “Tales of the Molly Maguires” at the Hanover Area High School auditorium, on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 at 7pm. All proceeds will benefit the *Huber Breaker Preservation Society*. Palmira asked for volunteers to be present at the NTCO information table that will be set up in the auditorium lobby.
- c) Tom Kashatus stated that it wasn’t likely that Corbett Insurance would be placing an ad in the NTCO newsletter, but he plans on getting an insurance quote from the Sedor Insurance Agency that already does advertise.

## ***VII. New Business***

- a) Tom Kashatus presented that official letterhead for the *Newport Township Community Organization*.
- b) Palmira Miller stated that nominations for will be taken at the next meeting for the 2014 NTCO slate of officers.
- c) The next meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* is schedule for 6:30pm, Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Guardian Elder Care Center in Sheatown.
- d) Heidi Jarecki stated that the *Nanticoke Historical Society* will be putting out a quarterly newsletter that will feature, among other things, historical articles. The format seems to be very much like that of the NTCO newsletter.

## ***VIII. For the Good of the Organization***

- a) 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.
- 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 8:17pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner