

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

November 26th 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Coal Miners' Kitchen • Glen Lyon, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Alice Dymond	Paul Jarecki	Cindy Foringer (guest)
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Steven Dymond	Heidi Jarecki	William Weaver (guest)
	Faye Maloney	Sharon Julius	Debbie Prokop	

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 November 12th 2013. Debbie Prokop made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers' report for November 26th 2013. Sharon Julius made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Steven Dymond, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) A copy of an invoice in the amount of \$2,770.00 was received from *Newport Township Authority* for the monies paid towards "soft costs" in the demolition of the structure at 85 East Main Street Glen Lyon. Palmira Miller provided a break down of the invoice and it was submitted to the treasurer. The organization had agreed to contribute \$2,000.00 towards "soft cost" expenses incurred by the authority for this project.
- b) An out-of-pocket expense was incurred by Paul Jarecki for purchase and engraving of the Citizenship Award. Because Paul did not have the invoice to submit and was unsure of the exact amount, a motion was made by Tom Kashatus to reimburse in an amount not to exceed \$50.00, seconded by Steven Dymond, with all voting in favor.
- c) An announcement was received from *Saint Nicholas' Ukrainian Catholic Church* in Glen Lyon regarding their Clam Chowder & Haluski Sale. Orders will be taken until December 3rd 2013 with pick-up at the church on Thursday, December 12th.
- d) An email was received from *The 2014 Garnier Green Garden Campaign* with an opportunity for five, non-profit community organizations to receive a community garden. Nominations must be submitted by December 15th 2013.
- e) Tom Kashatus received a verbal communication from Mike Yalch regarding the live, Christmas manger pageant to be held by *Saint Faustina's Parish* at the Holy Child Grove in Sheatown on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th 2013. Community involvement is encouraged.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 212 members. Mary Jo Evans will sponsor Darien Evans as a new, junior member. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Jerry & Cathy McMahon as new members. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Ron Davis as a new member member. Steven Dymond made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Heidi Jarecki will sponsor Marianne (Matikiewicz) Reale as a lifetime member. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported on current sales of NTCO memorabilia.
- c) Newsletter (Editors, Advertisements & Distribution) – Editors Paul & Heidi Jarecki provided an update on the outline for the winter 2014 newsletter. It was reported that Jacqueline Munro, Director of Public Affairs and Development for *Earth Conservancy Inc.* and *Newport Township Commissioner* Michael Roke may both be contributing articles. Tom Kashatus made a motion for *Earth Conservancy Inc.* to receive a free advertisement in the upcoming newsletter, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus made a motion for the *Coal Miners' Kitchen* to receive a free advertisement in the upcoming newsletter, seconded by Steven Dymond, with all voting in favor.
- d) Publicity – During a discussion of upcoming events, it was reported that the *Lions Club International District 14-w* serving Newport Township will be delivering Christmas Cheer baskets to shut-ins on December 18th 2013.
- e) Hospitality – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that a card was sent to Attorney Chris Kule & family expressing condolences on the recent passing of his father.
- f) Recycling – A flyer for the Holiday Lights Recycling Drive was made available with drop-off locations listed. Tom Kashatus reported that he recently collected 15 lbs. of lights from the Freeland area. A press release for the event was discussed.
- g) NTCO Citizenship Award & Year-End Dinner – The end-of-year dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th 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 has chosen Andrew Gotcha as the recipient of the 2013 Citizenship Award that will be presented at the dinner. Mr. Gotcha has long-time community involvement including but not limited to the Lions' Club, Bidy Basketball program and Saint John the Baptist Cemetery Association. The president commended Mr. Gotcha for his accomplishments and the Nominations Committee for their work.

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VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) Palmira Miller reported that there was a good turn-out for the showing of the film, "Tales of the Molly Maguires" at the Hanover Area High School auditorium, on Friday, November 22nd 2013. NTCO set up an information table with memorabilia items for sale in the auditorium lobby. Palmira thanked those who volunteered for the event.
- b) A discussion of the 2014 Waste Watchers Award led to a report that Beth DeNardi, Waste Management Director for Luzerne County has a clean-up event in the works for the Seven Tubs Nature Area. It was also brought up at that time that a significant number of tires have been dumped at the *Earth Conservancy Inc.* owned site located at the beginning of Glen Lyon (3-Legged Pond area). Tom Kashatus plans on making the commissioners aware of this matter at their next meeting. The dumping occurred after the tire recycling event and seems to be ongoing.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira Miller stated that the current officers have been nominated to continue their positions for 2014. Formal voting will take place at the next meeting of the organization. The current officers are as follows: Palmira Gregory Miller, President, Thomas Kashatus, 1st Vice President, William Hourigan, 2nd Vice President, Francis Zaleski, Treasurer, Linda Conner, Secretary, and John Jarecki, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary.
- b) Due to inclement weather, the NTCO meeting of November 26th 2013 was relocated from the *Guardian Elder Care Center* in Sheatown to the *Coal Miners' Kitchen* in Glen Lyon. The organization thanks owner, Cindy Foringer for graciously allowing the meeting to be held at her establishment.
- c) The next meeting of the *Newport Township Commissioners* will be held on Monday, December 2nd 2013 at 6:00pm.
- d) The next meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* is schedule for 6:30pm, Tuesday, December 10th 2013 at the *Coal Miners' Kitchen* on East Main Street in Glen Lyon.

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