

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, 6:30 P.M. EST

Coal Miners' Kitchen • Glen Lyon, PA.

## Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Linda Conner	Paul Jarecki	Steve Dymond	Cheryl Promowicz (guest)
Tom Kashatus	John Jarecki	Heidi Jarecki	Cindy Foringer	William Weaver (guest)
Bill Hourigan	Faye Maloney	Christopher Carey	Debbie Prokop	Kathryn Doratoc (guest)
Francis Zaleski	Mary Jo Evans	Joe Carey		

**I. President,** Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business.

**II. Secretary,** Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014. Cindy Foringer made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

**III. Treasurer,** Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers' report for March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Cindy Foringer, with all voting in favor. Because of an interruption of the previous meeting, there was no motion to approve the treasurers' report on file. Accordingly, a motion was made by Cindy Foringer that the treasurers' report of February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

## IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) An invoice was received from *Old Newport Decal Shop* in the amount of \$113.00 for tee-shirts and hoodies. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- b) An invoice was received from *GO DADDY* in the amount of \$10.99 for registration of the NTCO website. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to pay the invoice in full, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- c) A letter was received from *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* in appreciation for our membership renewal.
- d) A newsletter was received from the *Luzerne Foundation* inviting non-profit organizations to make a 5-minute presentation for possible grant funding. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 at *Luzerne County Community College* and Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the *Genetti Hotel & Conference Center*. If possible, Palmira would like an officer to speak on behalf of the organization.
- e) An email was received from Ron Davis informing us that the "Bowl over Cancer" event held Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 made \$3,800.00 for the *American Cancer Society*.

Heidi Jarecki read excerpts from letters she and Paul have received regarding the newsletter.

## V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Cindy Foringer will sponsor Kathryn Doroteo as a new member. Steve Dymond made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Cindy Foringer will sponsor her children; Nicholas, Eric and Joanne Meyers, as new, junior members. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new, junior members, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Cindy Foringer will also sponsor her niece and nephew, Chris and Rain Doroteo, as new, junior members. Steve Dymond made a motion to accept the new, junior members, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor. Cindy Foringer will sponsor William Weaver as a new member. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner will sponsor Doris Conner as a new member. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Raymond Schrader as a lifetime member. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus will sponsor Eugene Ziemba as a new, lifetime member. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new, lifetime member, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus reported that currently the organization has nine (9) lifetime members.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that tee-shirts in children's sizes can be purchased from *Old Newport Decal Shop* for \$9.00 each (our cost). She will bring a sample to the work session for viewing. A brief report of Newport Township memorabilia sales was provided.
- c) Newsletter (Editors, Advertisements & Distribution) – Editors Paul & Heidi Jarecki provided a brief update on the spring 2014 newsletter. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for receipt of articles. Tom Kashatus made a motion that *Speedy's Auto Center Inc.* receive a free ad in the upcoming newsletter, seconded by Linda Conner with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus made a motion that *Ken Pollack Apartments* also receive a free ad in the upcoming newsletter, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Both are receiving free advertisements in appreciation of their support of our recycling program. Palmira would like to see ongoing NTCO projects listed on the back of the newsletter for public awareness and to encourage participation.
- d) Publicity – John Jarecki reported that *Times Leader* newspaper article regarding our presentation of the 2013 Citizenship Award contained many mistakes. He has asked that they print a corrected version. John also reported that Shickshinny borough does not currently publish a newsletter.
- e) Hospitality – Tom Kashatus stated that he like to have a card sent to Kevin Thomas expressing his appreciation of the assistance he provided in replacing the tire(s) on the trailer.

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### V. *Report of Committees continued*

- f) Newport Township Recreation Board – Palmira Miller congratulated Cindy Foringer on her appointment to the Newport Township Recreation Board. Heidi Jarecki mentioned some ideas the board discussed at their last meeting.
- g) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the Holiday Lights Recycling Drive will be complete at the end of March.
- h) Great American Clean-Up – Palmira Miller reported that the “Big Junk Drop-Off” will begin Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue through Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. The scheduled times are as follows: Monday thru Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm, and Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm. The Community Pride event for clean-up of the main roads in the township will be held Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014, 8:00am-12:00pm. A clean-up of the Coal Street Playground in Glen Lyon is scheduled for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2014. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes and shovels and meet at the park at 10am. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.
- i) Butterfly Garden – Debbie Prokop reported on available dates in May for the presentation by *Folks Butterfly Farm*. In light of other events, a later date in June or July will be chosen. Debbie would like to have plants on hand for the kids, so they can start their own butterfly garden.

### VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) Heidi Jarecki reported that the local chapter of the *Lion's Club* will be honoring the *Newport Township Police Dept.* in commemoration of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A dinner will be held beginning at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the *Alden Manor*. Reservations are required.
- b) The organization has submitted an application for the 2014 Waste Watchers Award to Beth DeNardi, Recycling Manager for *Luzerne County Solid Waste Management*.
- c) It was reminded that the *Huber Breaker Preservation Society* will hold a fundraiser in which the Patchtown Players will present a live stage performance of anthracite folklore. The event is scheduled for 7:00pm, Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 at the Hanover Area High School. NTCO is partnering with the event and has tickets available at \$7.00 each or \$5.00 for students.
- d) Palmira Miller reported that Chris Carey has submitted a proposal for redesign of the NTCO website at a cost of \$2,500.00 with maintenance at \$550.00 per year. Palmira would like the website committee and officers to meet with Chris to discuss the matter further.
- e) Tom Kashatus stated that he still plans on obtaining new proposals for insurance.
- f) As there were not enough board members present for the annual Board of Directors meeting to be held, Palmira is asking that the members schedule the meeting to their own accord.

### VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira Miller would like to see an event to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Newport Township Community Organization* and asked for ideas. A community picnic was suggested. Palmira would like to have a committee established for further discussion.
- b) Palmira Miler reported that NTCO will be featured as the community organization of the night at the *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS* baseball game on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00pm. There will be future discussion on what our plans will be for this event.
- c) The *Glen Lyon Crime Watch* will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00pm, Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Italian Club.
- d) A work session of the *Newport Township Community Organization* is scheduled for 6:30pm, Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the *Coal Miners' Kitchen* on East Main Street in Glen Lyon.
- e) The regular meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* will be held 6:30pm, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 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 8:31pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner