

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

July 8th 2014, 6:30 P.M. EST

Coal Miners' Kitchen • Glen Lyon, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Stephen Prokop	Ron Davis	Paul Jarecki	Cindy Foringer
Tom Kashatus	John Jarecki	Joe Maloney	Heidi Jarecki	Tony Strish
Bill Hourigan	Mary Jo Evans	Faye Maloney	Debbie Prokop	Kathryn Doroteo
Francis Zaleski				

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. Assistant Secretary, John Jarecki read the minutes from the previous meeting of June 14, 2014. Faye Maloney 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 presented his report for July 14, 2014. NTCO has total funds of \$33,873.01. Receipts since the last meeting were \$475.47, and disbursements were \$261.69. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) Heidi Jarecki presented a bill for \$17.81 from Office Max for printing copies of the newsletter for the Editorial Board. Tom Kashatus made a motion to pay the bill in full, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- b) We received a bill from Quality Hosts Online for \$47.40 for web hosting services. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to pay the bill in full, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- c) We received a request from the Newport Township Lions Club for a donation to their annual Golf Tournament. Tom Kashatus made a motion donate \$50 as a Silver Sponsor, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- d) We received a request from Glen Lyon Crime Watch for a donation for their National Night Out on August 5 from 5pm to 8pm. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- e) Palmira said that she wrote a letter in support of an application by Earth Conservancy (EC) for a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Growing Greener Grant, which they will use for their Bliss Bank Reclamation Project Phase II to reclaim abandoned mine land in Nanticoke and Hanover Township.
- f) We received a request from the Nanticoke Twelfth Man Booster Club to take out an ad in their football booklet. Tom Kashatus made a motion to take out a half page ad for \$50, seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.
- g) We received an e-mail from Beth DeNardi, Luzerne County Recycling Coordinator, saying that NTCO has been awarded a Waste Watchers Award. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Washington DC. NTCO has no plans on traveling to receive it; instead, Ms. DeNardi will present it to us at her convenience.
- h) We received a request for a donation from Holy Spirit Parrish for their Vacation Bible School. Tom Kashatus made a motion to donate \$100 and Mary Jo Evans seconded it, with all voting in favor.
- i) Palmira said that Nanticoke Ambulance will honor Newport Ambulance Memberships until August 31 of this year. The Nanticoke Ambulance will begin its membership drive this month.
- j) Mike Yalch requested that we run a Chili Contest at the annual Classic Auto Show in Sheatown, which is being sponsored by St. Faustina's Grove Committee on September 22. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that Tom run the Contest, and Steve Prokop seconded it, with all voting in favor.
- k) We received an e-mail from Ron Davis saying that Logan's Roadhouse has a program called Give Back Days in which a percentage of customers' bills are given to a non-profit organization. We will consider participating in this program.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Fundraising – Heidi said that she has ordered more High School miniatures, but that they have not yet arrived.
- b) Newport Township Recreation Board – Palmira said that two basketball hoops were vandalized at the Coal Street Park just after they were put up. Tom said that he was trying to get one of them welded.
- c) Newsletter – Heidi said that she and Paul took the summer newsletter to the printer on Monday July 7, and that they expect it to be printed by this coming Friday. Palmira thanked Joe Maloney for all the work he has done in getting ads for the newsletter. She also said that we should give free ads in the newsletter to Antonio's Pizza, because of their donation of pizza to the Great American Cleanup, and to J. P. Mascaro, because of their donation of a dumpster for the Big Junk Drop-Off. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to give a free ad to Antonio's, and Tom Kashatus seconded it, with all voting in favor. Bill Hourigan made a motion to give a free add to J. P. Mascaro, and Debbie Prokop seconded it, with all voting in favor.
- d) Publicity – John Jarecki said that he had written an article about Ron Davis' donation to NTCO, but that he had not yet sent it to the newspapers. He also said that he had written and sent to the newspapers an announcement of our sponsoring of a Butterfly Tent on July 12 at Coal Street Park. He said the announcement was printed in the Citizens' Voice on Monday July 7.
- e) Hospitality – There was no news from Mary Margaret.
- f) NTCO 10th Anniversary Committee – Palmira Miller said that the Anniversary Committee will have to decide when to hold that Anniversary Dinner and whether we should combine it with the Citizenship Award Dinner in December.

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- g) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that he took a trailer of electronic equipment to the *Luzerne County Electronics Recycling Drop-Off* on Saturday, June 14th. He said we are receiving fewer aluminum cans for recycling and said we should ask our friends to save them. Tom also said that he has hundreds of 45 rpm and 78 rpm records and cassette tapes. Steve Prokop said that Joe Nardone's music store on Mundy Street in Wilkes-Barre buys records. Palmira reported that the Glen Lyon American Legion is holding a flea market on Saturday August 16. Debbie and Cindy will manage a table at the market, and they will take items from NTCO members for sale. Mary Jo Evans made a motion to pay \$15 for a table at the flea market, and Steve Prokop seconded it, with all voting in favor.
- h) Summer Fun – Debbie Prokop reported that the Butterfly Tent and presentation by people from *Folks Butterfly Farm* is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th 2014 from 1pm to 3pm in Coal Street Park. She says that she has put out a good number of signs to advertise the event. Palmira said that she would bring soda and water. She and Tom would take photos. Palmira also said that we have two swimming events scheduled at the pool in Mocanaqua: 1) on Thursday July 17 from 10am to 2 pm, and 2) on August 7. At the first event, we will serve lunch and soda. Coal Miners' Kitchen will donate pizza.
- i) Website Redesign Committee – Palmira Miller said that the Committee members should discuss the suggestions that Chris Kule made about a contract for the work and that they should discuss the new site design. The members decided to meet on Monday July 21 at 6:30pm at Heidi's house.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) Tom Kashatus said that he had not yet requested copies of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, which we intend to put up on our website.
- b) Tom said that Ken Marquis is advertising, out of the area, about Glen Lyon as a place to come to and live, and that he would find a photo of the town for future ads.
- c) Heidi said she contacted the Railriders baseball team about getting a group of tickets which we could then sell to anyone who plans on attending the game at which NTCO is the featured community organization, but they have not gotten back to her.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that, at Newport Twp. commissioners' meeting of July 2014, representatives of PENDOT described work that they will be doing on the Robert Street bridge in Sheatown next summer. They will replace the beams spanning the creek and the roadway on top of the beams. They now have plans to detour light traffic, but not large trucks, through Old Newport Street, Center Street, and Kirmar Parkway. They have not yet decided what to do about the trucks.
- b) Palmira reported that, at the Monday meeting about the future of the Glen Lyon Post Office, Postal Service representatives said that they now plan to keep the Post Office open between 12:30pm and 4:30pm on weekdays and 10am to 12pm on Saturdays. Residents can still fill out a Postal Service survey form and send it in.
- c) Palmira reported that the Ladies' Auxiliary Post #539 of the Glen Lyon American Legion would like the legion hall to be considered as a community center for meetings. NTCO has discussed designating the site as our new, home location now that the Knights of Columbus meeting hall is no more.
- d) Heidi reported that she talked to the family of the new owners of Alden Manor about the memorial to township war veterans by the late John Forgach, which is in the restaurant's dining room. The owners said that, if removed, the memorial would go to the Glen Lyon American Legion. She also said the father of the family is President of Valley with a Heart, and that the organization will put up a tombstone in the St. Stanislaus Orphanage cemetery with the names of children buried there.
- e) A work session of the *Newport Township Community Organization* will be held 6:30pm, Tuesday, July 22nd 2014 at the *Coal Miners' Kitchen* on East Main Street in Glen Lyon.
- f) A regular meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* will be held 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 12th 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 8:30pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki