

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

September 9th 2014, 6:30 P.M. EST

American Legion • Glen Lyon, PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Debbie Prokop	Faye Maloney	Ron Davis	Lorrie Materewicz
Tom Kashatus	John Jarecki	Bill Hourigan	Paul Jarecki	Heidi Jarecki

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 was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting of August 12th 2014 were not available.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski was absent. Palmira presented his report for September 9th 2014. NTCO has total funds of \$34,371.25. Receipts since the last meeting were \$553.24, and disbursements were \$119.80. Bill Hourigan made a motion that the Treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- Palmira reported that we had received a letter from the American Legion Auxiliary Home Association saying that they are having a takeout-only Barbeque Chicken Dinner for only 100 people to help finance their veterans program. They are asking for donations of money or supplies. Tom made a motion to donate \$50 for the Barbeque Dinner, seconded by Bill, with all voting in favor.
- Palmira mentioned that the American Legion has offered to allow us to use their Hall as a home for the NTCO. Faye said that we can use the heated downstairs area of the Legion in winter, and Tom said that we can still use the heated room in Guardian Elder Care Center in winter. Tom made a motion to make the American Legion Hall our home, seconded by Heidi, with all voting in favor. Lorrie Materewicz said that the Legion will clear a part of the front wall of its hall for our award plaques.
- Heidi reported that we had received a communication from the President, Juliana Zarzycki, of the Nanticoke Historical Society saying that on October 19 at 3:00 pm at St. Faustina's Cultural Center in Nanticoke, local historian Charlie Petrillo will show the film "Miracle of the Bells" and will give a presentation on the making of the film. Juliana is asking us to help host the event, sell memorabilia, and distribute flyers in the Township. Tom made a motion to partner with the Nanticoke Historical Society for this event, seconded by Heidi, with all voting in favor.
- Palmira reported that we had received a communication from Corey Zdanavage containing a donation for \$500, and that his employer the Capital Group will give us a matching gift of \$1500. In order to receive the gift, Palmira said, she had to register with the company, creating a password, which she would give to John, who will keep it as a second copy.
- Tom reported that we received a number of communications from people complementing the NTCO on its work. We also received a communication from former Glen Lyon resident Elaine Schrader Hackenberg, grandmother of Penn State quarterback Christian Hackenberg, who told us about her family and what she did after leaving the area. Finally, we received a communication from Robert Czapracki asking us for information about the coal mining town of Teasdale. Paul and Heidi have photos of the town.

V. Reports of Committees

- Newport Township Recreation Board – Heidi reported that John Vishnefski resigned from the Board, which now, with the addition of Dave Cooper, has five members: Heidi, Dave Cooper, Paul Pierson, Scot Shatley, and Cindy Foringer. Scot Shatley has not been coming to meetings but is still interested in the Board. Cindy Foringer also has not been coming to meetings. Tom said that Judy Pazgan, who once was a member of the Board, is interested in again becoming a member.
- Hospitality – Mary Margaret has sent sympathy cards to Frances Elczynna on the passing of her husband Edmund, to Gerald and Valerie Malishchak on the passing of Valerie's father, Stanley Meshinski, to Lloyd and Rose Ann Briggs on the passing of their daughter Kim Rubasky, and to the family of the late Stanley Witkowski.
- NTCO Nominations Committee – Tom reported that he has received no feedback on officers for the coming year.
- Citizenship Award Committee – Tom reported that the American Legion cannot cater our Awards dinner. They do not have people to do it. Palmira suggested that we have the Dinner at the Legion with outside caterers. Lorrie said the Legion will give us use of its hall and kitchen free of charge and that we can bring in an outside caterer. We would in turn make a donation to the Legion.
- Publicity – John Jarecki stated that he would send to both newspapers and to the newsletter, photographs of members at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton RAILRIDERS baseball game of August 31st in which NTCO was the featured community organization of the evening and from the Logan's Roadhouse fundraising event of September 5th.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that the gun safes that Piestrak's Gun Shop is donating to us for recycling contain sheet rock, not concrete, and that therefore the recycler will give us the appliance rate of \$0.10 per pound for them.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- Palmira mentioned that at the Logan's Fundraiser, she met a man who contributed a beer basket to our basket raffle. She said she would ask him to contribute a basket to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) dinner on October 30. Bill made a motion to donate a basket to the PEC dinner, seconded by Tom, with all voting in favor.

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VI. *Unfinished Old Business Continues*

- b) Concerning the Logan's Roadhouse Fundraises, Palmira reported that people at the Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School did not want to participate in our Fundraiser. They had other pressing needs and little time. Two groups, Blessings in a Backpack and Northwest Area Life Skills, did participate with us. We made about \$874 at the event. In several weeks, we will know the exact figure, and then we will have a check presentation of shared funds to the two groups participating with us. Palmira thanked everyone who helped out at the Railriders' game and Logan's fundraiser, especially Ron Davis who set up the fundraiser. Ron said that the fundraiser went well, that the groups we partnered with appreciate our help, and the NTCO will get favorable publicity.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Palmira mentioned that we can have an information table at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council Partnership Awards dinner of October 30th, for display of our awards, organization flyers, etc.
- b) She also said that we are partnering with PEC on a shoe collection drive, which collects gently used shoes and sends them to small businesses overseas, which refurbish them.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Palmira reported that our tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park needs weeding; that the butterfly garden is growing nicely but also needs trimming and weeding, and that the garden at the front end of Coal Street Park also needs care.
- b) Heidi said that we could have Newport Township themed, recyclable grocery/shopping bags but that she does not now have the time to get them made.
- c) Ron said that he was going to meet with the General Manager of Logan's' Roadhouse to talk about waste reduction.
- 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*

Bill Hourigan 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