

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

November 22nd 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	Paul Jarecki	Mary Margaret Kashatus
Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Joe Maloney	Heidi Jarecki	

I. President, Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a full quorum, the president asked for a motion to continue the meeting; Palmira Gregory Miller made a motion that the meeting be continued with nine members present, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was then said and the president proceeded with the order of business.

I. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of November 8th 2011. Paul Jarecki made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Faye Maloney, with the exception of Palmira Gregory Miller, who abstained from voting because her absence from the previous meeting, all voted in favor.

III. Treasurer Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for November 22nd 2011. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the treasurers report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Paul Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- It was announced that the South Valley Chamber of Commerce would sponsor a CHRISTMAS PARADE and PARTY for the children on Saturday, December 10th 2011. The parade will begin at 4pm at the John S. Fine High School.
- It was reminded that *Catholic Social Services* would sponsor an event to provide shelter and meals for homeless men the week of January 30th thru February 5th 2012 at Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. NTCO will participate.
- It was reminded that Teena Wrubel is collecting unwanted cell phones through an event being sponsored by the temple she belongs to. The phones will be reprogrammed and given for use at battered women shelters. If you have a phone to donate, please contact Tom Kashatus.
- Two invoices from the *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing Shop* totaling \$522.00 for hats and shirts was presented for payment. Paul Jarecki made a motion to pay the amount in full, seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – 2011 membership stands at 160 members with 11 junior members. Tom Kashatus presented an example of a membership envelope that he would like to use for membership renewal next year. He asked for approval on the amount of \$248.40 payable to REPLICA (Philadelphia, PA) for 500 envelopes. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion that the amount of \$248.40 be paid for the order, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that building material from the home of the late Nello Roke would be donated to AGAPE, a charitable & volunteer organization based in Bloomsburg.
- New Business – It was reported that the *Tarnowski Kielbasa Market* would be managed by a new generation of the family. John Vishnefski, son of Jack & Diane Vishnefski of Wanamie, grandson of the late Tad & Sophie Tarnowski of Glen Lyon, will take over operations from Michael Tarnowski. Mary Margaret Kashatus would like to hold a formal welcome event in the near future.
- Summer Fun Program – Program complete
- Hospitality/Sunshine – No Report
- Editorial – No Report
- Fundraising – Paul and Heidi Jarecki presented a sample knit hat and sun visor that can be screen-printed by *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing Shop* and sold by NTCO. Francis Zaleski reported that he found a box of Instant BINGO tickets leftover from the previous Fall Festival. A permit will be needed to sell the tickets.
- Great American Clean Up & others – A Report on the recent, illegal dumpsite clean up sponsored by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council was not yet available.
- Eight Point Plan – Bill Hourigan will present the 8-Point Plan for 2012 to the Newport Twp. Commissioners during their meeting of December 1st 2011. The plan will be available for viewing in the newsletter and on the NTCO website.
- Nominating Committee – Tom announced that NTCO elections would be held at the meeting of November 22nd 2011. The vote date was extended to make sure that all email nominations and votes were in. The list of nominations for Officers is as follows: President – Palmira Miller, 1st Vice President – Tom Kashatus, 2nd Vice President – Bill Hourigan, Secretary – Linda Conner, Treasurer – Francis Zaleski, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – John Jarecki. The list of nominations for Board of Directors is as follows: Heidi Jarecki for a 3-year term and Joe Maloney for a 1-year term to complete the 2-year term of the late Russ Sager. At that time, there was still a 3-year term vacancy to be filled. Anyone interested should make his or her intentions known.
- Citizenship Committee – Heidi Jarecki reported that the committee has chosen Mrs. Joseph (Phoebe) Hillian of Glen Lyon as the recipient of the 1st Citizenship Award given by NTCO. Mrs. Hillian has been notified and has accepted. The award will be presented at the year-end dinner meeting to be held at the Alden Manor.

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VI. Unfinished Old Business (“Unfinished” items with new discussion only)

- a) There was further discussion on having the NTCO items available for purchase advertised on e-bay and similar Internet sites. Paul and Heidi Jarecki estimated that 75% of the NTCO items sold are sent out-of-state. As clothing is non-taxable, only the collectible, non-clothing items would need taxation verification.
- b) It has yet to be clarified if the *MICROSOFT* “Publisher” software purchased by Bill Hourigan for the publication of the newsletter is owned by NTCO and can be transferred to subsequent editors.

VII. New Business

- a) Palmira Gregory Miller reported that she attended the **iYouVo** training workshop held by NCAC on November 10th and registered NTCO for use of the website. **iYouVo** is a venue for listing volunteer opportunities. As an organization, NTCO can list events where volunteers are needed. And as an individual, one can volunteer his or her time to the event.
- b) It was reported that the Alden Manor had the dates of Wednesday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 28th available for the NTCO year-end, dinner meeting. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the event after Christmas. A motion was made by Francis Zaleski to reserve the date of December 28th 2011 for the dinner meeting, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. Tom Kashatus stated that he would make the event known to all NTCO members via email. RSVP will be required.
- c) Palmira Gregory Miller reported that Newport Township Police cited some individuals for illegal dumping on Pipe Road in the township. She also reported that Newport Township Police responded to a call from a concerned township resident reporting truck activity in the vicinity of the old, Weinick Park in Glen Lyon. This turned out to be volunteers participating in the PEC sponsored, illegal dumpsite clean up in the area. Further proof that dumping in the township will not be tolerated.

VIII. For the Good of the Organization

- a) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- b) Keep in mind that new member sponsorship, fundraising efforts and support of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter is the obligation of all members.
- c) Remember that whenever attending an event as a NTCO member to promote your organization with pride.

IX. Adjournment

Faye Maloney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Palmira Gregory Miller, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner