

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The February 12th Alumni Association Meeting was attended by Pete Yanok, Lucy LaMere, Colette Papageorge, Jim Zilvitis, Holly Martin, Pat Martin and Kathy Chapman.

The meeting was called to order by Holly Martin, Alumni Chair, at 6:10pm.

All members in attendance reviewed the minutes of the November 13th meeting. Jim Zilvitis made a correction to the minutes and Pete Yanok made a motion to accept the minutes. Jim Zilvitis 2nd. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed, indicating an ending balance of \$2199.07.

Social Events:

2nd Annual Potluck Dinner: It was agreed that the Potluck Dinner held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 in the Art & Science Building Atrium was an overall success. The doors opened at 5:30 pm, and while attendance was lower than expected, all those in attendance provide positive feedback. It was speculated that lower attendance may have been due to the colder weather or proximity to the winter holidays.

The group began discussing options for the next Social Event.

Database:

Jack Tesell and Sarah Marggraff have continued to make progress establishing the Alumni database. There is still a need to develop and/or locate unique identifiers for each member to increase database functionality.

Membership:

Current/Past Members: Kathy Chapman discussed that the Alumni Association has been contacted by some members regarding membership fees. This brings light to the need for updated membership records and the development for processes and standard correspondence going forward.

New Members: Kathy Chapman and Jim Zilvitis suggested focusing on groups, clubs, and specific programs within the college that may already have established connections with Alumni.

Pete Yanok suggested that the Alumni Association utilize social networking websites such as Facebook to reach out to a broader audience of potential NCCC Alumni. Several members in attendance already have Facebook accounts, and the other members in attendance were encouraged to sign-up and explore potential benefits to the networking opportunities. More research needs to be done regarding setting up a “group” on Facebook for NCCC Alumni.

Newsletter: Kathy Chapman suggested working on an Alumni Newsletter that could be distributed electronically and posted on the Alumni website.

Website: Prior to the next meeting, Colette Papageorge will explore new ideas for the Alumni website and its functionality.

The group decided that it would be beneficial to hold additional meetings through the spring to focus on membership.

Fundraiser:

The Alumni Association will begin a fundraiser selling spring/summer flower bulbs and vegetable pre-seeded pots through Flower Power Fundraising. Holly Martin has already requested brochures and sales materials and will distribute once received.

Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 pm in the Student Activities Office, GW 110, to discuss current/past membership.

Jim Zilvitis moved to adjourn the meeting. Lucy LaMere 2nd. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Papageorge
NCCC Alumni Association Public Relations Officer