

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

The third annual meeting of the Alumni Association was attended by Don MacLeod, Holly Martin, Gail Hoxie, Colette Papageorge, Jack Tesell, Janet Cosgrove and Kathy Chapman.

**Annual Report**

The annual report was reviewed. Janet moved to accept the report. Colette 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Janet moved to accept the report. Gail 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Election Results:**

Nominations were accepted from the floor. Holly nominated Pete Yanok for Vice Chair. Janet 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Gail nominated Colette for Public Relations. Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Janet moved to close nominations and accept the slate of officers as proposed. Gail 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. One vote was cast for all nominees.

Holly resigned from the position of Secretary as of midnight tonight, which left that office open. Nominations were taken from the floor for Secretary. Nominations were closed. Gail nominated Sarah Marggraff for Secretary. Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

Officers elected are as follows:

Chairman: Holly Martin

Vice Chairman: Pete Yanok

Treasurer: Cyndie Phillips

Secretary: Sarah Marggraff

Public Relations: Colette Papageorge

**Membership Drive:**

The 2008 graduates will automatically be honorary members for the first year. Discussion: Do another Pot Luck and try to incorporate the community into it. We can have everyone bring a non perishable item and some people bring raffle prizes.

We also discussed having Grantley put our application on the back page of the mailing like he has been doing in the past. Gail will check into this.

Don mentioned that other community colleges have a staff for their alumni associations as well as an office. This encourages a good mentoring program and something for us to look into for the future.

Liaison Kathy Chapman has put in for a computer for us and questions whether we should also push for a room. We feel it would be beneficial for us to have our own space.

Discussion regarding working with our Foundation so we could use the 501 tax exempt status to help with fundraising ended with us deciding to hold off until the capitol campaign is over and we are more established.

We discussed working with professors from the college and getting names of alumni that they have information on and or taking a specific major and sending out an advertisement to join the association. We also discussed taking a year at a time and making phone calls as that is what the smaller Three Rivers College has done in the past.

#### **Database:**

We discussed having someone set-up a program for access so it can be done as a data entry position and friendly to all users. Jack volunteered to start a database in access which could enable us to pay dues up to 5 years in advance and keep track of it.

#### **Scholarships:**

Scholarships were increased last year to \$500 and everyone agreed that we should keep it at this figure for this coming year. We also agreed that we will need to do fundraisers to help get the funding for the scholarship.

#### **Fundraisers:**

We decided that the Rada Cutlery and Flower bulbs were great fundraisers and people, by word of mouth, have excited other people to want these products. We also discussed doing a lunch on a specific day at the arts and science building as there has been increased traffic there and there is no food service in that area. It is a great money maker. Any other ideas can be brought to the next meeting.

#### **Social Events:**

We decided we would like to do two potluck dinners. The first one will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in student activities if anyone is interested in planning this event.

We also discussed having a trip. Don explained that the casino trips seem to be the best money makers. We could make \$300 or more. We decided to wait until the spring to see if that is what we would like to do.

Janet moved to adjourn the meeting. Colette 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly B. Martin  
Secretary