

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

The first meeting of the Alumni Association was attended by Kathy Chapman, Don Macleod, Darcy Abbott, Holly Martin, Donna Wheeler, Lucy LaMere, Ruth Gonzales, Gail Hoxie, Cyndie Phillips, Valerie Royals and Stephanie Hart.

The Constitution and Bylaws were ratified by a unanimous vote.

Election Results:

Officers were elected and are as follows:

Chairman: Don Macleod

Vice Chairman: Darcy Abbott

Treasurer: Cyndie Phillips

Secretary: Holly Martin

Public Relations: Gail Hoxie

Treasurer's Report: Cyndie reported that the account had \$2016.20.

Discussion: The treasurer, executive council and or the liaison will have to sign the checks.

Darcy made a motion to make the dues for joining the association five dollars. Valerie seconded it. All were in favor.

Gail made a motion not to take the account below \$1000.00. Ruth seconded. All were in favor.

The 2006 graduates will automatically be honorary members for the first year.

Alumni Award:

The commencement committee at the college has been handling this award for some time now. In discussion the idea came up to have the college keep handling the award and further down the road when we build up our membership maybe we could take it over. Darcy made a motion to have the college still make the recommendation for the award but let us pay for the plaque that is handed out and have a member present when it is awarded. Donna seconded. All were in favor.

Fundraising:

Ideas brought to the table:

\*A bulb sale in the spring. Holly has this information.

Munson Candy Sale – only if no other area of the college is doing this.

\*Selling roses for graduation- Don to look into the cost of this

Pasta Dinner, Breakfast, Candle sale,  
Beef Jerky sale- Darcy to look into this.

\*Scarpelli's restaurant sells tickets for dinners on Monday and Tuesday nights for \$8.00 and we would get \$4.00 for each ticket sold- Cyndie to check into this.

\*Scholarships: Right now we need members to volunteers for this committee. When we get a committee we will set the criteria for the scholarship or academic award. This will be a project that we would like to get into the works for next year. Discussion and ideas: It would be nice if the Association could get a small pin that says Alumni Association on it to put on the robes of the graduates or maybe a business card with the pin on it and the alumni association information. The business card could be handed to them after or before they receive their diploma at graduation.

\*Alumni Garden: The brick idea that was brought forth at one of the meetings was denied by the college. Some of the ideas were to use some of the granite the college has to make a wonderful garden. Getting the agricultural students involved from the regional #7 schools and get local nurseries to donate shrubs. Possibly get the two custodians, which have an expertise in this area, involved.

\*Social Events/Trips/Other:

Ideas brought up were at trip to the Casino's. Don will look into getting information on this trip with an overnight stay.

The Gala the Foundation is putting on would be a great start to get our name out there. Darcy volunteered to go to this event as a representative of the alumni association. Others will be looking into it.

Other discussion: The website should soon have its own spot on the website so it can be easily accessed. We need someone who could make the site look attractive.

Committees:

Newsletter: Sarah Marggraff, Ruth Gonzalez, Valerie Royals, Gail Hoxie

Recruitment: Darcy Abbott, Holly Martin

Fundraising: Everyone

Trip Committee Chair: Valerie Royals

Next meeting date: October 19, 2006

Draper Center 6:00 p.m.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Cyndie seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Holly B. Martin  
Secretary