

Neosho County Community College

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2021

Members Present: Sarah Cadwallader, Melissa Churning, Martha McCoy, Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves (Z), Vivian Rowan, Sarah Smith and Kelly Colter (Director of Alumni Relations) Z = Joined via ZOOM

Members Absent: Kim Barnes, Nikki Jacobs, and Dr. Alexander Mih

Also in Attendance: Emma Hole (Z), Linda Tiegreen

Call to Order

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by President Melissa Churning in Room 213 of the NCCC Student Union, Chanute Campus. (Meeting was moved from Room 209 because of equipment issues.)

Approval of Agenda

Martha McCoy moved and Vivian Rowan seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes

Sarah Cadwallader moved and Vivian Rowan seconded that the minutes from the last quarterly meeting be approved. Motion carried.

It was also noted that the notes from the work session held September 14, 2021 had been provided for informational purposes to the Board members but no action was needed as it was just a work session and not a meeting.

Finance Report

Treasurer Sarah Cadwallader reported the expenses and income of the Alumni Association which left a balance of \$2,174.39. The full report is attached to the minutes. Sarah Smith moved and Martha McCoy seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

Upon writing up the minutes the secretary found the beginning balance of the submitted report for the November 6, 2021 meeting was not the same as the ending balance from the August 7, 2021 meeting, and both totals should be the same. When seeking clarification from Sherry Engelman, the Administrative Assistant to Kelly Colter, it was discovered that several payments and deposits had inadvertently not been reported at the August 7, 2021 meeting and/or also had not been included in the report for the November 6, 2021 meeting. The reported total at the August 7, 2021 was \$4,109.61. Sherry Engelman sent a report of all expenses and income since the reported total of \$4,109.61 at the August 7, 2021 and the report is attached to the minutes. The ending balance of \$2,174.39 reported at the November 6, 2021 meeting is correct.

Informational Items

Kelly Colter did not have any specific information or news to pass on to the Board at this time.

Old Business

1. **2021 – 85th Anniversary Celebration**

Kelly Colter informed the Board that the 85th Anniversary celebration will be held in August or September of 2022 in conjunction with the grand opening of the Mitchell Career and Technology Center (MCTC) at the Ross Lane location.

A Board member asked about the status of the Plaza project and Kelly Colter told the Board that the Plaza project along with a new Greenhouse project is scheduled to start construction in the spring of 2022.

2. **All Alumni Class Reunion & 50 Year Society Induction Recap Discussion**

It was stated that the attendance was down this year and they thought that attendance was trending downward and that the Board should look at changing the date of the All Alumni Class Reunion away from Artist Alley Weekend because so many other activities and reunions were also going on that weekend. A Board member felt that characterization was wrong as they had attended all of the All Alumni Class Reunions and felt that each of the successive reunions had increased in attendance until COVID had cancelled 2020 and that 2021 was down because of several factors such as COVID, numerous other reunion cancellations, and the Alumni not being notified with a postcard because of budget constraints. Several Board members felt that the All Alumni Class Reunion had established itself on Artist Alley weekend although they agreed that the weekend had a lot of other activities which made it a very busy and hectic weekend. Several comments were made that many younger Alumni did not find the format of the All Alumni Class Reunion appealing and believed that going to a college game or some other activity which would get them more involved and engaged would be better at attracting the younger Alumni.

Discussion along these lines led to dialogue of the pros and cons of moving the date and if it was moved, what date would work best and what would you do. It was decided that this topic would be discussed further at the next quarterly meeting of the Alumni Association.

3. **Artist Alley Recap Discussion**

Kelly Colter told the Board she thought the Alumni and Foundation booths at Artist Alley went over very well and the activities for the kids were a great success. Kelly Colter told the Board that the youth is where you really build the colleges brand and that segment of the population had been greatly underserved in the past. The Board had nothing but positive comments about the booths at Artist Alley and thought it would be a good area to keep building on in coming years.

4. **Heritage Family celebration (Mike De La Torre Family) – November 6, 2021**

Kelly Colter reminded the Board that the Mike De La Torre Family would be honored as the NCCC Heritage Family, November 6, 2021, at the halftime of the men's basketball game which would be roughly between 4:30-5:00 p.m. The Board is invited to join the family in the VIP room starting at 1:30 p.m. to help celebrate this honor with the family. (The Board had already been informed of all the pertinent information about the Heritage Family Celebration earlier by email.)

New Business

1. **2022 Heritage Family**

A. Information to go out in November/December

Kelly Colter informed the Board that nominating information will be put in the Chanute and Erie newspapers and posted on social media during the November/December time frame.

B. January 1, 2022 – Due date for nominations

C. January 10, 11, 13 or 14, 2022 (Time & Date TBD) – Family selection

The Board selected to hold a special meeting on January 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 213 for the purpose of reviewing the applications and then selecting the 2022 NCCC Heritage Family.

D. January 17-21, 2022 – Contact Family

E. Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Recognition of Nominated Family (Basketball vs. JCCC)

2. **2022 Distinguished Alumni**

- A. Commencement is scheduled for May 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- B. Information to go out in November/December
Kelly Colter informed the Board that nominating information will be put in the Chanute and Erie newspapers and posted on social media during the November/December time frame.
- C. January 1, 2022 – Due date for nominations
- D. January 10, 11, 13 or 14, 2022 (Time & Date TBD) – Selection
The Board selected to hold a special meeting on January 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 213 for the purpose of reviewing the applications and then selecting the 2022 NCCC Distinguished Alumni.
- E. January 17-21, 2022 – Contact Alumni

3. 2022 All Alumni Reunion

Discussion of the 2022 All Alumni Reunion was tabled until the next quarterly meeting.

Much discussion had already been held during the recap of the 2021 All Alumni Reunion and it was felt that the Board needed time to review and think about the future of the All Alumni Reunion and 50 Year Society induction with the main areas of focus being on should it stay on Artist Alley weekend or should it be moved to a different time of the year and if the format of the reunion should be changed or modified.

4. Election of New Board Members

The Board had been looking into adding new Board members for several meetings and Linda Tiegreen and Emma Hole had been contacted and/or had shown a willingness to join the Board. They had joined the meeting today and then indicated that they would like to join the Board.

Vivian Rowan moved and Sarah Cadwallader seconded that Linda Tiegreen be appointed to the NCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Martha McCoy moved and Vivian Rowan seconded that Emma Hole be appointed to the NCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors. The motion was approved by acclamation.

5. Should the Alumni Association Sell T-Shirts at Basketball Games

The Board discussed if they should sell Alumni T-Shirts at some basketball games. After some discussion and looking at the basketball schedule it was decided to sell T-Shirts at the February 19, 2022 basketball game. The Board may also sell T-Shirts and raffle off some gifts baskets at the January 22, 2022 basketball games, but there was a possibility that the Autism organization would be doing something on that date and if so the Alumni Association would not sell T-Shirts that day.

Kelly Colter told the Board that she would plan on having future Board meetings in Room 213 as the technology for Zoom worked better in this room.

Sharon Reaves moved and Linda Tiegreen seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

A special meeting will be held January 13, 2022 for the purpose of selecting the 2022 NCCC Heritage Family and the 2022 NCCC Distinguished Alumni. The next quarterly meeting will be February 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Reaves, Secretary