

Neosho County Community College Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2015

Members Present: Linda Jones, Shelli Mirocke, Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves, Brenda Rowe, Mike Sutcliffe and Sarah Smith

Members Absent: Sarah Cadwallader, Linus Thuston, Brad Johnson, Casey Casebolt, Dwight Smith

Also Present: Claudia Christiansen

Call to Order

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Mike Sutcliffe in room 213 at the NCCC Chanute Campus

Approval of Agenda

Claudia Christiansen asked to be added to the agenda under Informational items.

Linda Jones moved and Shelli Mirocke seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes

Shelli Mirocke moved and Brenda Rowe seconded that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Shelli Mirocke reported that there had been no money spent since the November meeting.

Following the Treasurer's report a discussion was held on the amount that had been spent on the DJ at the All College Alumni Event last fall and possible alternatives to having a DJ.

Craig Reaves moved and Linda Jones seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

Informational Items

1. Claudia Christiansen reported on the upcoming Neosho County Alumni Event in Omaha, Nebraska on July 25, 2015. The Alumni Event will be held during the Storm Chasers vs. Colorado Springs baseball game. The cost will be 25 dollars per person and included with the game will be a dinner, cash bar, fireworks, and a post game concert. It was also pointed out there are a number of interesting activities in Omaha to see, including the Omaha Zoo, and alumni could make a weekend trip out of the event.

2. Sarah Smith talked about the new Neosho County Community College website, pointing out it is now more user-friendly. It was also pointed out the students can now go to the website and apply for NCCC Foundation scholarships online.
3. Claudia Christiansen reported on several honors and notes of recognition that Neosho County Community College had earned. She reported that the college was #1 in the Student Success Index in the state for the second year in a row. The Student Success Index rates colleges, by looking at whether students graduated or are still working on their degrees or whether students have successfully moved on to another institution and graduated or are still working toward a degree at that institution.

In addition it was noted that the college also ranked 1st for its graduates making more money their first year out of college. Neosho County Community College graduates with associate's degrees on average make over 42,000 dollars their first year out of college.

It was also reported that there are over 1900 Community Colleges in the United States and that NCCC is the 17th least expensive in the nation.

4. It was reported that the college raised 10 thousand dollars at the gala this year in Ottawa.
5. Claudia Christiansen also reported that the Neosho County Community College Foundation in December of 2014 had been given a house and its surrounding acreage in Buffalo, Kansas by the States family. In January of this year the family had given most of the furniture in the house to the foundation. More details on that to come.

Old Business

1. It was reported that the President's Scholarship Gala next year will be December 5th in Ottawa. It was noted that last year's Gala went well.
2. It was reported that the West /Fairchild family was honored as the Heritage Family of the Year January 31st with a reception in the Oak Room and were recognized during that evening's college basketball games.
3. Sarah Smith reported that she gave luggage tags to the December graduates and that we needed to order more. Discussion was held on ordering more tags and changing the design.

Mike Sutcliffe moved and Shelli Mirocke seconded to order new luggage tags for the upcoming graduates and add the panther logo to them. Motion carried.

Sarah Smith will look at set up cost and send out the design to Alumni Board members.

New Business

1. Sarah Smith and Claudia Christiansen reported on details about the Golf Tournament to be held on April 25, 2015 at the Garnett Country Club. It will start at 8:30 a.m. and it

would be a 2 person scramble with the cost being \$100.00 per team. It was reported they now had sponsors.

2. Artist's Alley Weekend on September 25 & 26, 2015 was discussed with the outline of events for the weekend being covered.

The All College Alumni Social Event will be held again this year.

The 50 year class reunion for the Class of 1965 will be held with the Classes of 1964 and 1966. All previous 50 year class honorees are also invited.

The Alumni Board will have a booth again and will ask if the college wants to combine with us.

Discussion was held on having a float for the 50 year class of 1965 to ride on.

Sharon Reaves moved and Shelli Mirocke seconded that we do not have a float at this years Artist's Alley parade. Motion carried.

All events and dates will be posted on the college's website.

3. Claudia Christiansen reported that in 2016 the college will be celebrating 80 years, and she hopes to persuade all the different coaches to coordinate their sports reunions with the college's activities and celebrations being held during the Artist's Alley Weekend. She also mentioned that the college's former football teams have not held a reunion and this might be an opportunity for such an event to be held.
4. Everyone was asked to check there phone numbers, address and email addresses on the contact sheet and report any corrections.
5. Graduation will be May 15 and reception for the Distinguished Alumnus on May 14. Our next meeting will be held before graduation so more details will be discussed at that time.

Shelli Mirocke moved and Linda Jones seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be May 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Reaves, Secretary