

Neosho County Community College

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2022

Members Present: Sarah Cadwallader, Melissa Churning (Z), Nikki Jacobs (Z), Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves, Vivian Rowan, Linda Tiegreen and Kelly Colter (Director of Alumni Relations) Z = Joined via ZOOM

Members Absent: Kim Barnes, Emma Hole, Martha McCoy, Dr. Alexander Mih, and Sarah Smith

Call to Order

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Melissa Churning in Room 213 of the NCCC Student Union, Chanute Campus.

A quorum was not present so Kelly Colter started to review the finance report for the members in attendance.

Finance Report

Kelly Colter explained to the Board that a service charge was being applied to the Alumni checking account while other college accounts were not and that she had called the bank several times about it and thinks she has been able to get the account changed to one that will not incur a service charge. **Sarah Cadwallader and Vivian Rowan joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and a quorum was achieved.** Kelly Colter finished giving the finance report by handing out a spreadsheet of the Alumni Associations expenses from June 23, 2021 to January 5, 2022 which showed an ending balance of \$939.21. The Board members had a brief discussion of the information presented. Sharon Reaves moved and Linda Tiegreen seconded that the finance report be approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vivian Rowan moved and Sarah Cadwallader seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes

Linda Tiegreen moved and Vivian Rowan seconded that the minutes from the last quarterly meeting on November 6, 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

Informational Items

The Alumni Board convened on January 6, 2022 at the Chanute Campus and by Zoom to select the 2022 Panther Heritage Family and the 2022 NCCC Distinguished Alumnus. Kelly Colter had earlier emailed the nominations for both awards to the Board to review.

Discussion among the Board took place and by consensus the Dave Peter Family was chosen as the 2022 Heritage Family.

The Board discussed and deliberated and by consensus selected Anita Cooper as the 2022 NCCC Distinguished Alumnus.

Kelly Colter will contact the Dave Peter Family and Anita Cooper to see if they will accept their selections.

A Thank You card was read from the Charles Reaves family thanking the Alumni Association for the flowers at the time of Charles's passing.

A Thank You card was read from Michael and Anita De La Torre for their family being selected as the 2021 Panther Heritage Family.

Old Business

1. **The Recap Discussion about the 2021 All Alumni Class Reunion & 50 Year Society Induction and 2021 Artist Alley was tabled until New Business to be discussed at the same time as the 2022 All Alumni Class Reunion & 50 Year Society Induction and 2022 Artist Alley.**

2. **2022 Distinguished Alumnus – Anita Cooper**

Kelly Colter informed the Board that she had been able to contact Anita Cooper and that she graciously agreed to be the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus. Kelly Colter and available Board members will meet with Anita Cooper on February 24, 2022 in Room 213 on the Chanute Campus to gather information to prepare a biographical sketch.

3. **2022 Panther Heritage Family – Dave Peter Family**

Kelly Colter informed the Board that the Dave Peter Family had graciously agreed to be the 2022 Panther Heritage Family. The Dave Peter Family had suggested April 16, 2022 at a baseball game as the time to be honored. Kelly Colter will order the award and ask Ben Smith to attend to take pictures of the event. Kelly Colter has reserved a grill from Home Savings Bank for the event and will have a tent set up. Refreshments will be provided by the Alumni Association by grilling hot dogs and hamburgers with chips, soda, water and cookies.

New Business

1. **Martha McCoy Resignation**

Martha McCoy had emailed Kelly Colter on November 29, 2021 her resignation from the NCCC Alumni Association Board. Vivian Rowan moved and Sarah Cadwallader seconded that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried. A Thank You card will be sent to Martha McCoy thanking her for her service to the Alumni Association.

2. **Alumni Apparel Sales**

Two dates have been finalized for the Alumni Association to sell alumni apparel and they are:

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - NCCC Basketball vs. KCKCC at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 19, 2022 - NCCC Basketball vs. JCCC at 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers from the Board were secured to work both dates and students will be available to help move the apparel from the Alumni office to the gym before and after the games.

3. **The 2022 All Alumni Class Reunion & 50 Year Society Induction and 2022 Artist Alley and Recap Discussion of the 2021 edition of the events.**

The main focus of the discussion was about the future of the All Alumni Reunion and 50 Year Society Induction with the main areas of dialogue being on should it stay on Artist Alley weekend or should it be moved to a different time of the year. Kelly Colter started out the discussion by relaying a conversation she had with a supporter of the college that said he would like to come to some of these events but that Artist Alley is so busy and it is so hard to get a hotel room in Chanute that weekend he would prefer these events be held at some other time. This led to a long discussion among all of the Board members on the many pros and cons of holding the Alumni events on Artist Alley weekend. One member pointed out that they felt that the All Alumni Reunion had grown each year it had been held until the pandemic canceled the 2020 reunion. The 2021 reunion had also been affected by the pandemic and also by not sending out postcard reminders to alumni as had been done in the past. Several other members felt that Artist Alley weekend was an extremely busy time for everyone with so many different events taking place. Some members felt that with the change in the structure in the Alumni Office that Kelly Colter was stretched too thin during Artist Alley weekend. A number of Board members felt that Artist Alley was the best time to hold the Alumni events because of all of the other events going on, which draws a very large

crowd of people, but also acknowledged that all of the other events, especially high school reunions, could cause the Alumni events to be secondary events to many people.

It was also discussed what would be a good date if the Alumni events were moved. Several dates in the fall were suggested but some felt fall was very busy and alumni would be reluctant to travel back for two different events held close together if they had come back for Artist Alley. A date in the spring was discussed but some felt that spring could also be a very busy time for people.

A consensus of what to do could not be reached with some believing it best to leave the Alumni events on the Artist Alley weekend and others believing it best to move the events to another weekend. It was said that the Board needed to pick a date to hold the events and then stay with it, and that was countered with a date had been picked and we should stay with the Artist Alley weekend. Kelly Colter said she was fine with leaving the events on Artist Alley weekend but stressed to the Board that with her other additional responsibilities that weekend the Board would have to step up and be responsible for more than they had in the past.

With no consensus being reached and it being relatively late to change the date now it was decided to keep the Alumni events on Artist Alley weekend for the coming year, but to be open too change in the future.

Kelly Colter talked about sending out postcards to the Classes of 1972 and 1973 in preparation for the 2022 50 Year Society Induction. A brief discussion was held about all of the alumni addresses that had been submitted to be verified as good address and Kelly Colter explained to the Board that she had received them back, but that they all had to be entered into the system by hand and she was in the process of doing that. Several members volunteered to work on finding correct addresses if any of the postcards come back.

A discussion of the upcoming events that the Alumni Association is undertaking in the next few months, with them being the Panther Heritage Family, Distinguished Alumnus and postage for the 50 Year Society Induction led to the question about if the Alumni Association had enough funds to cover all of the expenses for these events. This led to a discussion and the suggestion that some Board members needed to go to the next NCCC Foundation meeting and ask for additional funds for the Alumni Association. Additional discussion took place and it was decided that Kelly Colter and several Board members would go to the next NCCC Foundation meeting being held February 9, 2022, at noon, at the Chanute Campus.

4. Graduation expenditure for the Photographer – Rusty Nail Photography by Larry Holman

The conversation about finances led Kelly Colter to remind the Board that last year the Alumni Association helped pay for a photographer to take pictures of the NCCC graduates at graduation. It was suggested that if the Board was going to do this again this year that it needed to be approved at this meeting and not wait till the next meeting. Kelly Colter said she would ask Rusty Nail Photography by Larry Holman, who took the pictures last year, to do it again. Sarah Cadwallader moved and Sharon Reaves seconded that the Alumni Association have Rusty Nail Photography by Larry Holman take pictures of the NCCC graduates at graduation. Motion carried.

Sarah Cadwallader moved and Vivian Rowan seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting will be May 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Reaves, Secretary