

Neosho County Community College

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024

Members Present: Sarah Cadwallader, Melissa Churning (Z), Dr. Alexander Mih, Austin Pitts (Z), Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves, Tara Martin (Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development & Alumni Relations) and Yvonne Hull (Director of Development & Alumni Relations). (Z) = Joined via ZOOM

Members Absent: Emma Hole

Call to Order

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Melissa Churning in room 209 of the NCCC Student Union, Chanute Campus.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Alexander Mih moved, and Sharon Reaves seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Minutes

Dr. Alexander Mih moved, and Sarah Cadwallader seconded that the minutes from the February 5, 2024, meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer Sarah Cadwallader presented the financial report. The beginning balance was \$1,378.24. A check to Steve's Trophies for \$20.00 and a check to Yvonne Hull for 92.73 to reimburse her for cake and flowers. Both expenditures were for the Panther Heritage Family expenditures. The ending balance was \$1,265.51.

Sharon Reaves moved, and Dr. Alexander Mih seconded that the Financial Report be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **Alumni Reunion – Spring 2025**

The Board discussed the structure of the now combined All-Alumni Reunion, 50 Year Society, and Panther Heritage Family events. Discussions at previous meetings had shown a general consensus that these events should be held at some point during the college's 2024-25 basketball season with a date in the Fall semester preferred to avoid inclement weather. The Board discussed briefly when to hold the events but with the basketball schedule not released yet a specific date could not be chosen. The Board discussed the need to move up the timeline to pick a Panther Heritage Family if the events are moved to the Fall.

New Business

1. **New AA – Tara Martin**

Tara Martin, the new Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development & Alumni Relations introduced herself and then each Board member introduced themselves.

2. **Graduation**

Commencement at the college will be May 10, 2024. Yvonne Hull announced that the Alumni Association will have a table in the lobby at commencement and will have the Alumni's apparel for sale. The days schedule is as follows:

Order of Events on May 10, 2024

1:00 p.m.	Table setup
2:00 p.m.	Allied Health Care Programs Pinning and Graduation Ceremony
4:30 p.m.	Mary Grimes School of Nursing Pinning and Graduation Ceremony
5:00 p.m.	Dinner for Distinguished Alumni Cheryl Church and family.
7:00 p.m.	Commencement

Yvonne Hull and Tara Martin will be at the table. Members of the Board may come and work at the table if they are able to. Board members are invited to come to the dinner at 5:00 p.m. to meet Cheryl Church. Board members may also hand out programs before commencement.

It was suggested that there be information about the need for nominations for Panther Heritage Family at the table to give out to the public.

Upcoming

- 1. Graduation – May 10**
- 2. Artist Alley – September 28**

A brief discussion was held about the location and number of booths the Alumni Association would need for Artist Alley. Yvonne Hull will reserve the booth at the appropriate time.

The Board revisited the timeframe of the combined All-Alumni Reunion, 50 Year Society, and Panther Heritage Family event. Members of the Board felt that with all of the events on one date and the uncertainty of when they will be, the Board felt that it needed to narrow down the possible timeframe of when we will hold the events before our next meeting. Dates in November and December of 2024 and February 2025 were discussed. February was eliminated because of the chance of weather causing a cancellation. After further discussion December was eliminated because of it being a very busy time of the year. The Saturday's before and after Thanksgiving were eliminated as not being a good time to have the events. The first three Saturdays in November 2024 were picked to be possible dates for all of the events.

Sharon Reaves moved, and Dr. Alexander Mih seconded that the Saturday dates of November 2, 9 and 16 be looked at as the possible date for the All-Alumni Reunion, 50 Year Society, and Panther Heritage Family event with Yvonne Hull providing more information when the colleges 2024-2025 basketball schedule is released. Motion carried.

A short discussion was held about the Board members needing to be working on finding candidates for Distinguished Alumni and Panther Heritage Family. Yvonne Hull informed the board about two alumnus who had contacted her recently and might be good candidates for Distinguished Alumni.

Dr. Alexander Mih moved, and Sarah Cadwallader seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting will be August 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Reaves, Secretary