

**LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

President Russell Keeler called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. In attendance were Russell Keeler, Melissa Taney, Elaine Flanagan, Carol Dean, Lisa Owens, Jennifer Pawlowski, Ed Hennigan, Joanne Chukinas, and Bonnie Lauer.

Secretary's Report: (Melissa Taney, Secretary)

- The minutes of the January 30, 2008 meeting were e-mailed and/or mailed to the group. No additions and corrections were made and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Elaine Flanagan, Treasurer)

Elaine reported the bank balances as of March 11, 2008.

Flea Market Update: (Ed Hennigan, Chairperson)

- Flea market and collectibles show will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008.
- It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with set-up beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- Vendors will be charged \$20.00 for one space and \$30.00 for 1 ½ space.
- Dr. Lori will again be at the show from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We shortened her show by one hour because her price keeps going up.
- We will also have a theme basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle.
- Help will be needed all day, let Bonnie know when you can work.

Phonathon Update: (Lisa Owens, Chairperson)

- Lisa reported that we have made our 2007 goal.
- Total amount received from the 2007 phonathon is 30,007.88.
- We set a goal of \$32,000 for the 2008 phonathon.
- The dates for this year's phonathon are April 21 – April 23 and April 28 – 30, 2008.

- Some concerns were raised that election night is April 22. The group felt that we should still go on with the phonathon that night and we will see what happens.
- Lisa has mentioned to instructors on campus that have sent their students to help in the past that we will again need help this year. In the past, some instructors have given their students extra credit for helping at the phonathon.
- Ed also noted that he has told student ambassadors, the student government and the adult learners that we would appreciate their help as well.
- The phonathon will be held in the ECC, Room 119.
- Lisa again stressed that help will be needed during both weeks.

Director's Report: (Bonnie Lauer, Director, Alumni Relations)

- The President's Reception to install Tom Leary was held on February 21, 2008. Russell Keeler, President of the Alumni Association, sat on the stage during the installation and Melissa Taney, Lisa Owens, and Gloria Migatulski also attended the event. Bonnie noted the event was well attended with over 300 attendees.
- Bonnie reported that Rosemary Bray has taken another position on campus and that her replacement will be Ann Marie Schraeder, who previously worked in the finance office.
- Bonnie noted she has been thinking about board expansion. She asked that if anyone had ideas on expansion to please let her know. It was mentioned that maybe a My Space alumni page might be a good idea to try and recruit some people. Bonnie told the group to think about ideas.

President's Report: (Russell Keeler, President)

- Russ reported to the group that the brick project for the PSTI has started. Flyers were passed out to the group explaining the project and the cost of the bricks.
- Lisa Owens made a motion that the Alumni Association buy the first \$1000.00 brick. Elaine Flanagan seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- The scholarship deadline for both the Abigail George scholarship and the part-time scholarships is April 15, 2008. Approximately \$3300.00 was awarded last year. Bonnie needs people to serve on the committee, please let her know if you are interested.
- Dental Health Alumni Day will be held Friday, May 16, 2008.

- The Alumni Association will again sponsor a flower sale at the graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2008. We will receive 20% of the proceeds from the sale of the flowers. Commencement Flowers of Canada will be the group actually selling the flowers.
- A fund request was received from Dr. Peter Balsamo for a GED incentive. Two requests of \$100.00 was approved.
- Cross Valley Credit Union is again sponsoring the Asthma Walk on June 7, 2008. In the past, the group has donated \$300.00. The group discussed bumping the donation up to a \$500.00 mile marker sponsorship. Melissa Taney made a motion to donate \$500.00, Elaine Flanagan seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Mark your calendars for the following events:
  1. East Meets West: Malaysian artist Chew Fang Chin. Friday, April 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Bonnie if attending.
  2. PSTI Ribbon Cutting – Friday, April 25, 2008. Time: TBA
  3. Graduate Reception – Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7 to 9:00 p.m. in the ECC Dining Room. “Dress to Impress.” Let Bonnie know if attending.
  4. Commencement Ceremony – Thursday, May 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at the Wachovia Arena.

#### New Business

- Lisa Owens thanked everyone for their cards, thoughts, calls, and prayers after her shoulder accident.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Melissa Taney, Secretary