

**LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

President Russell Keeler called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were Russell Keeler, Melissa Taney, Gloria Migatulski, Lisa Owens, Carol Dean, Robert W. Lange, Elaine Flanagan, Patty Meadus, Jennifer Pawlowski, Nikki Mascali, and Bonnie Lauer.

Secretary's Report: (Melissa Taney, Secretary)

- The minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting were distributed to the group. Bob Lange made a motion to accept the minutes and Lisa Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.
- Bonnie is still working on getting the minutes of the meetings on our section of the website. She will update us on this at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Elaine Flanagan, Treasurer)

- Bonnie reported that we made our second payment towards our pledge of \$150,000 for the Public Safety Training Institute in June.
- Bonnie and Elaine recently met with officers of Citizens Bank and we will be transferring the PNC accounts to Citizens Bank over the course of the next six weeks.
- Parente Rudolph recently conducted its annual audit of the Alumni Association's financial statements. While the final reports are not yet in, all looked good.

Craft Festival Update: (Russ Keeler, Co-Chair)

- The 18th annual craft festival will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are a few spaces remaining. Volunteers are needed Friday night from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and all day Saturday starting at 6:30 a.m. Sue Hand has again donated a painting for the raffle. Russ asked all members to take raffle tickets and signage to distribute around their neighborhood. Bonnie also stated that donations for the

theme basket auction are needed and also asked for company names that she may be able to contact for donations.

Phonathon: (Lisa Owens, Chairperson)

- Lisa reported that we are 90% towards our goal of \$30,000 – we have currently received \$27,000. In 2008, the phonathon will be held at a later time, possibly mid-April. This will allow more time for people who donate to get their donations in after the initial mailings have been sent. Lisa also noted that the room that we used this year is already booked for 2008.

Flea Market: (Bonnie Lauer, Director, Alumni Relations)

- Flea market is set for Saturday, May 3, 2008.
- We will have Dr.Lori back next year, but for a shorter amount of time. We will see how that works out and then re-evaluate her appearances for upcoming years.

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

- The College recently held a press conference announcing plans for the Kanjorski Building and the Culinary Institute in downtown Nanticoke.
- The Alumni Directory is almost done. Bonnie should have an actual book in November to look at.
- The College's 40th anniversary re-dedication celebration will take place on Tuesday, October 2, 2007. The re-dedication ceremony will be at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast to follow at 9:00 a.m. All alumni association members are invited and should RSVP to Paula Labenski in the President's Office at 740-0388 by September 25, 2007 if they plan on attending.
- The Alumni Advisory Council has been formed and includes community leaders, vice-presidents of companies, etc... They will meet at a breakfast with Interim President Tom Leary on October 5, 2007. We are hoping this will get others involved with the alumni.
- We are sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on October 13, 2007. The cost is \$25 per person and seats are going fast. Please contact Bonnie as soon as possible if you would like to go.

- Bonnie reported that she tried a new format to announce this month's meeting. It is a free trial.

President's Report: (Russell Keeler, President)

- Russ thanked Frank and Lisa Owens for having the picnic at their home. Bonnie noted that the turnout was much smaller this year and we may want to think about trying something new next year.
- Profits from the graduation flower sale were \$420.00 this year. The company said they will come back next year but they won't guarantee a minimum profit because they didn't do as well as they expected.
- Russ reported that five part-time scholarships and two Abigail George scholarships were awarded to students. We received thank you notes from some of the recipients.
- Plans for a possible holiday party this year were discussed. We didn't have a holiday party last year. We could possibly have the party in November or December. Bonnie asked that if anyone has any thoughts to let her know.

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Melissa Taney, Secretary