

**LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

President Russell Keeler called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. In attendance were Russell Keeler, Melissa Taney, Elaine Flanagan, Joann Chukinas, and Jeff Bennett

Secretary's Report: (Melissa Taney, Secretary)

- The minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting were e-mailed and/or mailed to the group. No additions and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Elaine Flanagan, Treasurer)

Elaine reported the account balances as of September 16, 2008.

Bonnie reported to the group that a 2 year CD from CVFCU was set to mature on 10/2/089. She is going to check with Len Shimko '69, CVFCU President on the rates to roll over the CD.

Phonathon Update: (Bonnie Lauer, Director of Alumni Relations)

- To date, we have received \$26,623.23.
- We are getting close to our goal of 32,000.00

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

- Bonnie reported that the Dr. Lori event is pending because of possible conflicts with her schedule. Bonnie will let us know when she gets an answer from Dr. Lori's people on date and cost of bringing her back to the Flea Market.

Craft Festival: (Russell Keeler, Co-Chairperson)

- The 19<sup>th</sup> annual craft festival will be held October 18, 2008.
- We have 75 vendors signed up for the show.
- We also have eight food vendors signed up.

- Russ stressed that helpers will be needed on Friday, October 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on the day of the show, Saturday, October 18 from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Russ encouraged everyone to take flyers and raffle tickets with them.

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

- Bonnie reported that the New York City bus trip is sold out and she has a waiting list.
- She was approached about doing another trip in the spring but has reservations about it because it is so busy here in the spring, so it may be difficult to do.
- Bonnie was recently approached by two different insurance companies, Nationwide and Liberty Mutual, who want to sell life and auto insurance to our graduates. Depending on the policy, it is possible for the alumni to get a percentage of the sales. She will continue to look into this and contact other colleges to see if this is something that they may do.

President's Report: (Russell Keeler, President)

- The brick project is going well, with 41 bricks already purchased. This will be an on-going project and Bonnie will continue to meet with Karen Flannery for plans on the walkway.
- Dental Health Alumni Day was held Friday, May 16, 2008. Jane Balavage was the speaker and we had 150 graduates who attended. A total of \$5557.00 was raised and will go towards the dental health program. Plans are already underway for the 2009 program and Barbara Montante will again chair the event.
- Commencement Flowers of Canada again sold flowers at graduation. After the fee of \$150.00 was paid to Wachovia Area, we made a profit of \$191.00.
- The following scholarships were awarded for the fall/spring semesters:
  - **Two Abigail George scholarships:** Michael Babbish received a \$1,000.00 scholarship and Joshua Carpenter received a \$500.00 award.
  - **LCCC Alumni Association scholarship for part-time students:** \$500.00 awarded to Margaret Anyang.
  - **Richard J. Nemetz scholarship (proceeds for the craft festival bake sale):** Awarded to Keri Venarchick.
  - **Two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded with proceeds form the AACA car show:** Awarded to Samir Zaghoul and Daniel Platt.

### Old Business

- The annual Alumni Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held July 19, 2008 at Lisa and Frank Owens house. There was a good turn out this year with several student volunteers coming to enjoy themselves at this year's picnic.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Melissa Taney,  
Secretary, LCCC Alumni Association