

# **DANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES: Meeting No. 26**

**May 18, 2015**

**Meeting originally scheduled for February 16, 2015**

**12:00 Noon, O'Kelly's Piney Forest Road**

**Danville, Virginia**

**Present:** Richard Carter, Martha Flanagan, Harvey Flanagan, Richie Guill, Tommy Merricks, Ed White, Anita Wyatt, Connie Wann, Cathy Pulliam, Bernice Gammon, Kim Demont, Nancy Reynolds, Virginia Nelson, Shelby Irving, Susan Escue, Tommy Pruett, Katherine Stoyer, Sylvia Josey, Lisa Elgin, Kelly Fitzgerald, Faye Haymore, Dr. Harry Kolendrianos, Tommy Pruett, Beverly Scruggs, Bryan Shields, Shannon Hair, Marie Harris.

**Call to Order:** The eighth year of the DCC Alumni Association began with the new president, Cathy Pulliam, calling the meeting to order.

### **I. Approval of May 18, 2015, Minutes**

Minutes were approved as presented.

Introduction of new Council Members by Shelby Irving, Chairperson for committee to recommend Council Members. Members introduced were Katherine Lemons Stoyer, Sylvia Josey, Tommy Pruett, Lisa Elgin, and Richie Guill.

### **II. Old Business**

#### **A. First three Business Breakfasts**

The first three breakfasts for American National Bank, Jarrett Welding, and Danville Firefighters were presented for discussion. Cathy Pulliam asked for evaluations from council members who participated. Beverly Scruggs thanked the council for the breakfast brought to American National Bank, an event that had never been planned for the business previously.

### **III. New Business**

- A. Alumni Breakfasts for 2015:** Danville Police Department June 1. Need volunteers to help Marie set up and handle food throughout the hour and a half. Shannon Hair said that the breakfasts are a way of DCC Alumni giving back to the community. He expressed the desire to reach out to all businesses, across Pittsylvania and Halifax county lines as well as Danville, so no area in the service region would be excluded in the three regions DCC serves. Breakfasts in Halifax and Pittsylvania County will become a priority in

2015-16.

**B. Committee Assignments for 2015:** Marie Harris

Marie distributed the list of assignments asking for feedback over any changes anyone desired.

**C. Bylaws directive on consistent non-attendance**

**Marie reviewed the present directive from bylaws on attendance:**

- a. *Any DCC Alumni Council member **who is unable to attend at least two of the three** regularly scheduled Alumni Council meetings because of other obligations may request in writing a Leave of Absence for a specified period of time. (This is an excused absence.)*
- b. *Those on approved leave will not be considered in forming a quorum.*
- c. *In addition, Alumni Council members who have **two unexcused absences from three (3) consecutive, regular DCC Alumni Council meetings** may be removed from office by a two-thirds affirmative vote.*

**After reviewing the current Directive Marie presented issues that need clarification:**

Recommendation for additions to the Bylaws is needed concerning consistent non-attendance even when notification is sent of the impending absence, so clear actions to be taken by the council or alumni relations coordinator are part of the bylaws, whether the action is:

- a. Removal after a stated length of time (2 meetings)
- b. Asking the person if he/she wishes to move to a volunteer or committee position, so they can be part of the council operations and events, but not attend the meetings because of conflicts (all information on council activities would be sent as is done for Mack Doss; they would remain on assigned committees if they choose which would broaden committee membership slightly).
- c. Asking if the individual wishes to take a leave of absence for a specified period of time and open their position to someone willing to serve until they can return to council because of personal illness, family obligations, etc.
- d. Asking a person if he/she wishes to resign from council and withdraw from all areas relative to council operations because of their conflicts time wise, so the position can be filled by an individual able to attend and participate, or
- e. Another option from council members

*Discussion followed with Kim Demont suggesting adopting steps for excused absences above (5). Marie Harris would contact individuals after*

*their missing two meetings and follow options in the five areas listed above using diplomacy. Kim presented this list of options as a motion, which was accepted by council.*

**D. Voting Completed for Sports Hall of Fame**

Marie Harris has notified council members by e-mail of honorees. Notifications have been made by phone with honorees. The event planning is underway for June 19 in Oliver Hall. Honorees are Bruce Burnette, Jean Rodgers, and Joe Carr.

**E. Recommendations for changes/improvements to Outstanding Program/dinner.** Cathy Pulliam asked for comments regarding this event from council members. Sylvia Josey and Virginia Nelson expressed their gratitude for receiving the honor. All comments were positive, especially concerning length of program.

**F. Proposal to create a fall program for students** to introduce Alumni Association to new alumni, which is part of PR initiative. Discussion centered around a donut event with cell phone cleaners with the Alumni Logo as gifts to each student. After discussion, council members suggested participation with the college in the fall picnic rather than hosting a separate event. No position was taken on donuts or cell phone cleaners, leaving those decisions up to Foundation staff. Shannon Hair discussed the cost of creating this event and the ways contact with new alumni will be pursued this fall through the e-mail system.

**POINT OF INFORMATION: from Marie: Nominations for 2016 Outstanding Alumni and Sports Hall of Fame are ongoing until the end of December and end of February for each area. Please submit to Marie for adequate time to pursue backgrounds.**

**REMINDER: Alumni Council voted in 2013 that each member, if possible, would contribute \$100 to the Alumni Scholarship fund on an annual basis.**

**ADJOURMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting date is September 21, 2015.**

*The bylaws require that members notify the Alumni Relations Coordinator at [alumni@dcc.vccs.edu](mailto:alumni@dcc.vccs.edu) when they cannot be present, so attendance records are kept current.*

Respectfully submitted,

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