

## New London/Washington County Alumni Club Meeting

August 13, 2019

Meeting begins at 6:25pm

Club President, Tom Amanti, begins meeting with introductions.

Present: Tom Amanti '74, Gerry Gleason '64, Tom Mulvey '64, Carol Persi '80, Don Fiore '80, Mike Lynch '83, Joe Miceli '87, Deb Miceli '85, Maureen Rogers '78, Karen Monti Flynn '82, David Brown '70, Shawn Palmer '90, Stan Mickus '90 and Mary Cairns, PC Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

After some discussion and referral to the club by-laws the club officers were elected for the 19-20 year. Dave Brown nominates Tom Amanti for President. Seconded by Gerry Gleason. All were in favor. Tom Amanti nominates Dave Brown for Vice-President. Seconded by Don Fiore. All were in favor. Dave Brown nominates Don Fiore for Secretary. Carol Persi seconds. All were in favor. There no longer is a need for a Treasurer.

Mary reviews the club events, especially attendance. She said the College suggests we have two events this year – Spring and Fall. Dave asked if it would be possible to include the URI game on Dec. 6 at URI as an event. He stated that he spoke with Terry Tarallo he is willing to coordinate that event. (Terry was absent as he just got home from Ireland.) All were in favor of letting Terry go forward with his inquiry at the school.

Carol talked about having a Fall event either at the Tapped Apple in Westerly or Stonington Vineyards. The date would be Oct. 27. There was some concern that the Patriots game is at 4pm that day. Carol will see if Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> is available at both places. The group seemed to favor the Tapped Apple in Westerly.

There was a discussion regarding the Spring event. Mary feels that we should change the location this year from Enders Island in Mystic. Dave feels that the location is perfect and they can accommodate up to 65 people. We had 41 this year. Mary cited statistics indicating it is hard to get alumni to go to a Mass. More discussion. It was decided that we would try another venue this year...possibly the Ocean House, Mystic Seaport, Castle Hill in Newport, or the Mystic Aquarium. Carol will investigate Castle Hill and Dave will investigate the Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn. Mary would like both to report back by the end of August.

Speakers at events was the next topic. Mary said the College is open to speakers other than faculty members such as from Admissions, Financial Aid, Institutional Advancement. She asked that we forward to her any individuals we feel might be interesting speakers.

Gerry Gleason asked what happened to the Summer Incoming Freshman event. Mary stated that everything this year was either hosted by parents committee and that one reception was

held on the College campus. She said it was a success. She mentioned that the incoming students prefer not to go to an area club event per the event surveys. Tom mentioned that we have had several successful incoming student events over the years.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectively submitted,

David Brown, Acting Secretary