

Central High School Alumni Association

Minutes of Meeting Held On 3.18.17

Held at President Don Bianco's Home

- **Meeting called to order by President Don Bianco at 10:48 am**

In attendance were Sal Masiello, Marion Avarista, Deb Cockfield, Elaine Colaneri, Jose Gonzalez, Jayne O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, G. Gail Davis, Ronald Tella, Don Bianco, Sylvia Long and Nikki Jimenez

- **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the 12.20.16 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Paul O'Brien.

The minutes of the 12.20.16 special meeting were approved on a motion by Deb Cockfield, seconded by Jose Gonzalez.

The minutes of the 1.17.17 officer's meeting were approved on a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Ron Tella.

- **Committee Reports:**

1. President Don Bianco noted that the alumni web site has been updated, including the latest newsletter.

President Bianco noted that the application form has been simplified. He passed out samples and further noted it has been added to the web site.

It was suggested by selection chairman Jose Gonzalez that the scholarship application be removed from the web site until the fall when the class of 2018 will be eligible for our scholarships. President Bianco agreed to do this.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Marion Avarista noted the following: the general fund opened with a balance of \$1702.69, expenses were \$3.00 bank charge and \$428.95 office expenses. Deposits totaled \$360 for memberships, leaving a balance of \$1630.74. The Grant Fund had no activity and remained at \$1900.01. The Scholarship fund opened with a balance of \$8103.01. Expenses were \$109 and receipts were \$3361, leaving a balance of \$11355.01. The report was approved on a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Paul O'Brien.

3. **Scholarship Committee:**

Selection committee chairman Jose Gonzalez noted that Deb Cockfield will serve on the selection committee in her role as an association officer. He further noted that thanks to a recommendation by Sylvia Long, the outside member of the selection committee will be Sondra Pitts. The alternate members will be Marion Avarista and G. Gail Davis. A meeting will be set up shortly and the applications will be ranked according to a formula that the committee is using. The rankings will be presented at the next association meeting at which time the number of scholarships will be determined and awarded. He then showed members the rating form that will be used. President Bianco noted that member Sylvia Long has agreed to buy Gala tickets for all scholarship recipients and one guest each. The report was approved on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield.

4. Newsletter Report:

No report was given as Editor Stephen Bianchi was not present.

5. Gala Committee Report:

Chairman Deb Cockfield noted the following:

- a. The raffle permit has been applied for.
- b. Help will be needed at the Gala with the baskets to be auctioned as well as help with the raffle.
- c. a list of auction items will be needed at the next meeting.
- d. President Bianco noted that we will be putting together a liquor basket to auction off at the Gala and he asks members who might have an extra bottle of spirits available at home to bring it to the next meeting and donate it for the basket. He also noted that **only three people** had sent in the one line \$10.00 ad for Charter members. Marion Avarista suggested that ALL officers and Directors **at least** should put in a one line ad.
- e. Sal Masiello will look into device needed and cost of same to accept credit card payments at the Gala.
- f. 26 tickets have been purchased to date, however many have committed but not yet purchased.

President Bianco noted that the Gala program booklet ads have been coming in slowly, but we have sold the three large ads (front and back covers). A list of all RI and MA members with phone numbers were passed out and five members will make calls to push sales. The report was approved on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Marion Avarista.

6. Unfinished Business:

President Bianco noted that the Grant program will be amended at the special meeting which will follow today's general meeting.

7. New Business:

Paul O'Brien discussed the use of the Patriot's program for fundraising. He noted however, the long hours involved and the number of volunteers needed for all events. He also noted that only two may be under 18 years of age. Also, all volunteers will need to go through background checks. Due to the general consensus that we are not a point where we have enough active members to take on this responsibility, the item was tabled on a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Sylvia Long. Paul agreed to check with the Paw Sox to see if any other opportunities are available.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Jose Gonzalez.