

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on November 12, 2019
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Deb Cockfield at 5:30 pm**
In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Ronald Tella, Elaine Whited, Dan D'Alesio, Dianne Lana, Deb Nelson-Bush and Deb Cockfield.
- **Secretary's Report:**
The report was accepted as posted on line on a motion by Deb Cockfield, seconded by Paul O'Brien.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$252.57. There were receipts of \$1,854.94. Expenses of \$785.28, \$55.00 to Sal Masiello (postage), \$500.00 (transfer back to Grant Fund), leaving a balance of \$767.23. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$3737.29, transfer of \$500.00 from General Fund, leaving an ending balance of \$4,237.29. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$9,226.88 with a deposit of \$1000.00, leaving a balance of \$10,226.88. The Athletic Hall of Fame had a beginning balance of \$3,082.58. Deposits of \$100.00. Expenses of \$48.82 to Jayne O'Brien (ink and mailings). leaving a balance of \$3,133.76. A total balance in all CHSAAP accounts is \$18,365.16. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Nelson-Bush.
- **Hall of Fame:**
Steve Bianchi noted the last meeting was held on October 3rd. At the meeting various committee assignments were decided. He noted he is having some difficulty getting together with the CHS principal regarding the setup of our plaque display. He said that he is disappointed but will continue his attempts.
- **Unfinished Business:**
Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a different type of event in place of the Gala held in May. It was noted that at the last meeting a picnic type event might be held at the Shriners Park in Warwick. Sal Masiello also noted that he had looked on line and found that 12 Acres in Smithfield has a variety of outdoor "picnics" such as a Summertime Picnic, an Ocean State Fish Bake, a Pig Roast and others. Pricing that was listed on line seemed quite reasonable and it was decided that he would look further into this venue for more information. Members also mentioned the Elks and the Last Resort which are both located on Farnum Pike and hold such events. These will also be looked into for further information.

- **New Business:**

President Deb Cockfield nominated Dan D'Alesio for the vacant position of Vice-President. Due to a lack of a majority of Directors at the meeting, it was decided that an email vote would be taken. Secretary Sal Masiello will poll the Directors.

- **Open Discussion:**

President Cockfield asked for members to form a committee to discuss the decision as to whether to hold a Gala as in the past or a "picnic" as discussed this evening. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee.

Elaine Whited, Jayne O'Brien, Deb Nelson-Bush, Dianne Lana, and Deb Cockfield.

Dan D'Alesio noted a friend who makes pins, etc. Dan wants to look into the possibility of selling them thru the school and the association in order to raise money for scholarships. Further information will be forth coming.

Deb Cockfield passed out a copy of the letter used in the past Scholarship Drives. She is looking for suggestions and/or ideas of how to boost lagging donations.

Dianna Lana asked about the concessions at Patriot Place. Paul O'Brien explained how the process works and noted that he did not feel we had enough workers to handle a concession. Dianna noted she will look further into the possibility of using this as a source of funds.

Jayne O'Brien wanted to look into the possibility of collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets. It was decided that we are too late to get started. Jayne will look into possibly Christmas Baskets.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Jayne O'Brien.