

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on September 4th, 2018
Held at Central High School

▪ **Meeting was called to order by President Don Bianco at 4:31 pm.**

In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Deb Cockfield, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Don Bianco, Paul Dolan, Ronald Tella, Gene Richmond, Anna Marie Richmond, Lyle Perra, Jose Gonzalez, Paula Rampone, Nikki Jimenez, Debi Nelson-Bush, Flo Ademi-Awosika and Jon Mendelsohn.

▪ **Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report for the June 4th and August 6th meetings were accepted on a motion by Deb Cockfield, seconded by Steve Bianchi.

▪ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$1,739.42. There were no receipts. Expenses of \$195.07 plus a deposit of \$90 from Transax with a transfer of \$90 to Hall of Fame, leaving a balance of \$1544.35. The Grant Fund had a starting balance of \$3,976.46 with deposits of \$160 and expenses of \$749.99 (Yamaha EMX7), leaving a balance of \$3386.47. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$18,380.22, with expenses of \$7000.00 leaving a balance of \$11,380.22. The Hall of Fame had a beginning balance of \$1,511.01 with expenses of \$453.32 and deposits of \$180 plus a transfer from Transax of \$90.00, leaving a balance of \$1,327.69. Total balance of all account held by association is \$17,638.73. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield.

▪ **Committee Reports:**

1. Hall of Fame: Steve Bianchi noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 13th at CHS. At that meeting the committee will be working on naming five individuals (at least one of which will be a female) and one team. These will be the first six inductees to the Hall of Fame at a banquet to be held during either May or June of 2019. The location has not been decided yet, but they are looking at Chelo's in Warwick, Lancellotti in North Providence and the Marriott on Orms Street. Steve noted that there is a need to sell more tickets for the Foxwoods fund raiser.
2. Don Bianco reported on the Funny 4 Funds event. He noted that there has been 1 - \$200 and 4 - \$50 sponsors to date. He further noted that 28 tickets had been sold. More tickets have been recently sold that are not on the report. Members at the meeting also took some tickets on consignment to sell.

▪ **Unfinished Business:**

1. Scholarship payout. Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted that seven of the eight scholarships had been funded. The eighth recipient has not registered for a full schedule and was notified that the scholarship would be held until January 2019. At that time if she is a full time student, the award will be funded, if not the amount of the award will be returned to the scholarship fund for future use. Ron Tella expressed concern regarding the poor showing of donations to the scholarship fund and asked if we could come up with some new ways to get funds for the next drive.
2. Treasurer Jayne O'Brien presented Principal Mendelsohn with the Yamaha EMX7 PA system which was purchased by a Alumni Grant awarded to Mr. Lilly. Principal Mendelsohn thanked the association on behalf of Mr. Lilly. The following action was taken regarding the Grant applications recently submitted.
 - a. A request for \$1000 from Lashan O'Connor, School Culture Coordinator. It was noted that there is no funding from the school department for this program, which worried the Board about future requests. Despite this apprehension, the Board approved \$500 for this grant.
 - b. A request for \$1000 from Jonathan Mendelsohn to supplement the stipend for a cheerleader advisor. Much discussion was had regarding the fact that the Grant program is not for funding individuals. The grant was denied.
 - c. A request for \$1000 from Patrice Roberts for the purchase of cheerleader uniforms. Much discussion was had regarding the fact that no cheerleading squad had yet been chosen. The board wondered what will take place with an advisor after our denial of the previous grant. The Board voted to table the request.
 - d. A request for \$750 from Tracy Jacques for the NVA Knights After School Activities. After deciding that there were questions that needed to be answered regarding this application, the Board voted to table the request.
3. Homecoming. Principal Mendelsohn noted that the homecoming game is against South Kingstown on Friday night, the 19th of October. After much discussion it was decided that the Alumni would pay for the first 100 Central students who attend the game. On a motion by Steve Bianchi, seconded by Debi Cockfield, \$300 was approved for this purpose. Don Bianco noted that he will purchase a new banner for the Alumni for this game.
4. Principal Mendelsohn spoke about rebranding CHS. He made note of the new lettering on the front of the building. He further noted that he is in the process of moving the plaques and trophies to the main lobby in the school. He mentioned that next year is the 100th anniversary of CHS. He noted that CHS has a new vice-principal, Mr. John Walker. He told us that Ms. Jimenez is teaching in a "school within a school" program at CHS called the Fuse Program. 75 juniors will be participating. He mentioned that the community walk thru program will begin in October.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Don Bianco noted that as our numbers increase there have been problems with our email programs. He will look into email software programs such as Constant Contact, Mail Chimp and others and will report back to the association. Jose Gonzalez thought there might be a program from Microsoft that might help.
2. Don Bianco noted that there is a link on our website to the Class of 1974. He recommended that we all look at it as it is quite interesting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 on a motion by Paul O'Brien, seconded by Jose Gonzalez.