

Central High School Alumni Association  
Minutes of Meeting on November 14, 2017  
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Don Bianco at 4:38 pm.**  
In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Ron Tella, Gene Richmond, Anna Marie Richmond, Jon Mendlesohn, G. Gail Davis, Deb Cockfield, Cathy Crepeau, Don Bianco and Jose Gonzalez.
- **Secretary's Report:**  
The secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Gene Richmond, seconded by Jose Gonzalez
- **Treasurer's Report:**  
Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$1,534.64. Receipts of \$20 (membership) and \$10 from merchant swipe test by Jayne O'Brien. Expenses of \$49.00 (Stamps - Sal Masiello), \$15.00 (Gateway), \$2.91 (Merchant billing), leaving a balance of \$1,497.73. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$5146.41, no expenses, receipts of \$717.05 (yard sale), \$83.00 (additional from yard sale), leaving an ending balance of \$5946.46. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$8,064.56 with expenses of \$250 (Shriners deposit), \$290 (Sir Speedy - Annual drive printing), deposits of \$3000 (Ron Tella contribution) leaving a balance of \$10,524.56. Total balances in all CHSAAP accounts are \$17,968.75. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Jose Gonzalez.
- **Committee Reports:**
  1. By laws committee: Sal Masiello reported that the revised by-laws as recommended by the committee have been sent to the Board of Directors for their vote prior to or at the December meeting.
  2. Yard Sale: Cathy Crepeau reported a successful yard sale was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She noted however the need for volunteers for any future yard sales. She also noted a great deal of problems with parking as a wrestling tournament was being held at the same time. It was noted that she received a great deal of help from Central students. It was also noted that the leftover items were donated to Crossroads.
  3. Meet and Greet: Steve Bianchi noted that they he is still trying to decide where to hold event, including at the school. It was suggested that he look in The Corner Bakery in Garden City. Jayne and Paul O'Brien offered to look into this bakery as they live near Garden City. It was further suggested that we hold this event in March so that we could promote the Gala at the event.
  4. Gala: Deb Cockfield noted that the Shriners have been booked for May 6<sup>th</sup> from six to eleven. She is attempting to secure PC coach Ed Cooley for our main speaker. She asked President Don Bianco for the name of the DJ used last year so she would be able to book him for this year's event. Don Bianco noted that he will work on the Gala Booklet starting in January.
  5. Hall of Fame: Steve Bianci reported that the committee is progressing. The committee feels it is necessary to expand it to include a CHS Vice-principal as well as the athletic director. The committee feels that the first awards will be in 2019 in conjunction with the annual Gala. Membership in the Hall of Fame would include athletes (at least five years after graduation), teams and coaches. Don Bianco is creating a form to go on our website which would enable viewers to make recommendations. Principle Mendelsohn noted that he would like to use the main office to display our Hall of Fame. It was noted that

the by-laws need to be amended to allow the Hall of Fame to occur. The committee will report back in December.

6. 2018 Scholarship: Jose Gonzalez noted that all forms have been updated to fit this year's scholarship program as well as posters which have been printed for display at CHS. He noted that March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 will be the deadline for completed applications. A "named scholarship" is in the works. Principal Mendelsohn noted that friends of his wish to create a scholarship in honor of their son. It would be for a student pursuing a degree in music.
7. Annual Scholarship Appeal: Don Bianco noted that he and Sal Masiello put together the mailing and have sent it out to all members. Included in the mailing was an offer by Ron Tella to match, up to a total \$1000, the donations from new donors.
8. Nominating Committee: Steve Bianchi noted that mention of the election process was noted in the newsletter, but to date no one have come forward. He requested that the rules regarding elections of officers and board members be sent to him. Sal Masiello agreed to do so.
9. Newsletter: Steve Bianchi noted that the next newsletter will be sent out the final week of December. He asked for any items of interest to be sent to him.
10. Communications - Website: Don Bianco noted that the updated scholarship page will be online tomorrow.

▪ **Unfinished Business:**

1. Grant Requests: Treasurer O'Brien noted two requests for grants. The first from Christina Yates to cover the expense of the TOEFL exam for 5 students at a total cost of \$115.00. Both she and Secretary Masiello felt that the grant did not meet with the rules of the grant program and recommended rejection. A vote of the six board members present returned a 6 - 0 vote for rejection of the grant. The second request was from Jon Mendelsohn for the purchase of two LED signs for the school. One to be hung in the front entrance and a second in the cafeteria. The cost of the signs to be \$885.00 each for a total of \$1,770. Both Treasurer O'Brien and Secretary Masiello felt this would be a very positive donation to the school and recommended passage. It was noted that there would be no cost for installation. A vote of the six board members present returned a 6 - 0 vote for acceptance of the application and for funding the purchase.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Jayne O'Brien noted that during the yard sale she spoke with a Ms. Furtado who mentioned that the cheerleading squad was being re-organized. She noted a need for uniforms and equipment. She will look into requesting a grant for this purpose.
2. Jose Gonzalez inquired about the need to bond our President and Treasurer. He also asked that we look into the possibility of using classmates.com.
3. Jon Mendelsohn mentioned that he is very active in seeking new members for our association and noted the possibility of removing the \$20 donation as a means of making membership more inviting. Some discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Paul O'Brien.