

Central High School Alumni Association Providence Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

Call to Order/Welcome:

at 5:39 pm due to having problems connecting with Zoom as Central was still experiencing internet problems

Present: Sharon Morris, Deb Nelson-Bush, Gayle Davis, Darlene Price and Elaine Whited

Zoom: Sal Masiello, Vitaliano Figueroa and Allegra Schell

Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 2024 Meeting Minutes – approved by Deb Bush and seconded by Darlene Price

Secretary's Report – Elaine Whited –

There was nothing to report on

Treasurer Report – Jayne O'Brien –

As Jayne was absent, Sharon said there was no activity the prior month to report on – balances same as reported in September

Committee Reports

Fundraising/Scholarship (Chair, Elaine)

Fundraising- James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon

Thanksgiving Food Donation Drive: - Elaine reported that the committee had decided that the drive would begin on 10/12/24 and run through 11/14/24. It was felt that we should continue with presenting \$100.00 gift cards to student families who are in need of the donation. It was also agreed that any monies above an even \$100.00 increment should remain in the bank account to start off the following year's drive.

Scholarship Drive: It was discussed that the Scholarship Drive should run beginning 2/1/25 through 4/30/25. It was suggested that Sharon send out a communication to the alumni members highlighting 2024 accomplishments, future goals and to include a mention of the upcoming Scholarship Drive and how we will accept donations throughout the year. Also suggested an appeal to build up the general fund.

See's Candies: Elaine reported she is looking into more information on this fundraising tool and report back in the November meeting.

Future Fundraising Ideas: All Class Reunion

Scholarship- Elaine, Deb, Paul D., Jayne, Darlene, Kevin
No meeting was held

Hall of Fame (Chair TBD) - Gail, Lyle, Kevin, Deb, Robert, Tom, Jayne
Sharon reported that this will be put back on the radar for 2025 and that reviewing and updating the By-Laws takes precedence.

Membership (Chair, James) - James, Robert, Elaine, Roxanne
No meeting was held

Old Business:

By-Laws Update: Tom Ausley

Sharon referred to Darlene Price on a by-laws update. Darlene referred to Vitaliano Figueora who reported that he is hoping to have a draft or at least be able to present a timeline for the November meeting and that they were still taking suggestions.

New Business:

T-Shirts and Homecoming Game: 10/18 against Bishop Hendricken home game

Elaine showed the flyer she made for the Alumni's invitation to the Homecoming Game. She reported that the fundraising committee discussed the plans to have the PCTA students design and print T-shirts for the game that say Alumni on them to sell and wear to the game. Also, the possibility of having a tailgate party. The present members felt this was acceptable and there were suggestions about doing potluck food as well as purchasing food.

New Members:

Mr. Gary Fortin, Class of 1974

Mr. Rawleigh Preaster, Class of 1974, 2019 HOF Inductee

Mr. David Reed, Class of 1974

Dr. Donna Silva-Burnett, Class of 1974

Ms. Beth Clarke-Jackson, Class of 1974

Open Discussion:

Sharon told of attending some of the events that the Class of 1994 had for their reunion and of attending the Class of 1974 reunion. She spoke of finding creative ways to get membership interested in connecting during the off months. She also talked of getting

notices of events and meetings out earlier and the possibility of using a google calendar. Sharon also spoke of the priority of the association is to get the By-Laws updated to function as an organization, to add more membership and to raise money for the scholarship drives

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was given by Sal Masiello and seconded by Gayle Davis