

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

- **Meeting was called to order by Vice President Deb Cockfield at 4:35 pm.**
In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, G. Gail Davis, Deb Cockfield, Don Bianco, Cathy Crepeau, Paul Dolan, Debi Nelson-Bush, Ron Tella, Elaine Whited and Dan D'Alessio.
- **Secretary's Report:**
The secretary's report for the December meeting having been posted on the website was accepted on a motion by Paul O'Brien, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$862.77. Receipts of \$199 (refund from Gateway). Expenses of \$505.99 (Don Bianco for Go Daddy), \$8.34 (merchant fees), \$45.08 (Gateway fees), \$247.97 (Staples, printer for secretary), leaving a balance of \$254.39. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$4776.29, expenses of \$100.00 (Patrice Roberts to replace Citizens check # 131) leaving a balance of \$4676.29. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$12,181.22 with expenses of \$1000.00 (Diane Velasquez scholarship). Deposits of \$980.00 (Scholarship drive), leaving a balance of \$12161.22. The Athletic Hall of Fame had a beginning balance of \$1464.58, expenses of \$40.39 (Sal Masiello - ink), \$151.25 (stamps), \$105.00 (Sir Speedy), deposits of \$645.00, leaving a balance of \$1812.94. Total balances in all CHSAAP accounts are \$18,904.84. This report was accepted as read on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Paul Dolan.
- **Committee Reports:**
 1. Hall of Fame. Steve Bianchi reported that the banquet is all set, being held at Chelo's on Post Road on June 1st. All individual recipients or their families have been contacted and notified us that someone will be attending the banquet. Plaques and take home awards have been set, however due to the poor quality of photos received; the plaques will not contain any photos as originally planned. Total sales of banquet tickets to date is two, however it is very early.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 1. Elections: Steve Bianchi noted that despite placing an article in the Centralite no one has come forward to this point. He therefore is still looking for candidates for the April elections. It was discussed and decided that Steve Bianchi should compose a note for sending to our members regarding the lack of candidates for our April election
 2. 2019 Calendar: Deb Cockfield noted that the Comedy Show will be held in the fall. On a motion by Don Bianco, seconded by Paul Dolan, the proceeds will be earmarked

for the General Fund. The possible Foxwoods trip was tabled until the next meeting. Don D'Allesio will look into several other trips that may be taken. He will report back at the next meeting.

3. Deb Cockfield noted that a chairman is needed for the Scholarship Drive. Jayne O'Brien agreed to take the position; with Paul Dolan, Deb Cockfield and Deb Nelson-Bush on her committee.

▪ **New Business:**

1. On a motion by Don Bianco, seconded by Cathy Crepeau the Board with unanimous consent appointed Debra Cockfield to serve out the remaining term of President, vacated by the resignation of Don Bianco. Debra is now officially the second President of the Alumni Association.
2. A motion by Don Bianco, seconded by Paul O'Brien to have the association write a resolution in support of Julia Carlson for the position of Superintendent of Providence Schools was defeated after discussion.
3. Elaine Whited, Class of 1974 spoke regarding the upcoming reunion activities that are being planned. She noted that the class would like to make a \$1000 donation to the scholarship fund for a scholarship in their name. The Board informed Elaine that the by-laws only allow a named scholarship with a donation of \$2500. She was told that other options would be looked into.
4. Jayne O'Brien informed the directors of a Grant request from Tracy Jacques on behalf of the New Urban Arts CHS Expansion Program. The program will be offering trips during 4 of the 5 April vacation days. These trips are to the New England Aquarium, Battleship Cove, RISD Museum and Fort Wetherill. The grant request was for \$864. However, as some of this request was for the cost of lunch which is not an allowable grant cost, a grant in the amount of \$439 was recommended by Jayne and Sal Masiello. The grant was approved by the Board members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 on a motion by Don Bianco, seconded by Cathy Crepeau.