

Central High School Alumni Association  
Minutes of Meeting on December 12, 2017  
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Don Bianco at 4:41 pm.**  
In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Gene Richmond, Anna Marie Richmond, Jonathan Mendlesohn, G. Gail Davis, Deb Cockfield, Don Bianco, Jose Gonzalez, Lyle Perra, Karen Doucette, Nikki Jimenez and Thomas E. Connor (guest).
- **Secretary's Report:**  
The secretary's report was read and accepted on a motion by Lyle Perra, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
- **Treasurer's Report:**  
Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$1,497.73 Receipts of \$160 (membership) and \$25 from Transax (Scholarship drive). Expenses of \$108.00 Sir Speedy, \$15.08 (Gateway), \$3.22 (Merchant billing), leaving a balance of \$1,531.43. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$5946.46. Expenses of \$1770.00 (LED signs). No receipts leaving an ending balance of \$4176.46. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$10,521.56 with expenses of \$200 (Brad Pierce DJ deposit), \$362 (Sir Speedy) deposits of \$1581 (Scholarship drive), \$108.00 (from general fund) and \$25.00 (Transax) leaving a balance of \$11676.56. Total balances in all CHSAAP accounts are \$17,384.45. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
- **Committee Reports:**
  1. By laws committee: Sal Masiello reported that the by-laws are still in process of being changed with the addition of a section for "named scholarship program" as well as a new section establishing the Central Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. These final changes should be complete by early 2018 and the Board of Directors will be polled to make the changes final.
  2. Meet and Greet: Steve Bianchi reported that The Corner Bakery will be used as the site for our event. After discussion it was decided that a Saturday in March would be used. Steve will try to book either 3/3/18 or 3/10/18 between 11am and 2pm.
  3. Gala: Deb Cockfield reported that the same DJ from our first Gala has been booked. She is also in process of trying to secure Ed Cooley as our main speaker. She is working with Tom Connor in this matter.
  4. Hall of Fame: Lyle Perra reported that the committee is in agreement with the documents that were forwarded to them by President Don Bianco. The only item they are not in agreement with is the need for a Hall of Fame secretary. The finishing touches on a by-law change are being worked on at present and the finished document will be forwarded to Sal Masiello for inclusion in the by-laws update.
  5. 2018 Scholarship: Jose Gonzalez reported that he will speak to the senior class right after the return from Christmas vacation. He also made note of the named scholarship change to the by-laws.

6. Annual Scholarship Appeal: Don Bianco reported that returns continue to come. We have reached approximately 40% of our goal at present. He will update us after the first of the year.
  7. Nominating Committee: Steve Bianchi reported some questions are being worked out regarding the staggering of the BOD terms. President Bianco recommended that Steve poll the existing Directors as to whether they wished to continue and if so, whether a 1,2, or 3 year term. He further suggested the possibility of a mailing to all members for nominations.
  8. Newsletter: As noted last month, Steve Bianchi reported the next newsletter should be ready for the last week of December.
  9. Communications: Don Bianco reported that several items were sent in by Tony DiMizio for inclusion in the "Blast from the Past" section of our web page.
- **Unfinished Business:**
    - None presented
  - **New Business:**
    1. Member Karen Doucette spoke of her experience with Foxwoods regarding a bus trip. She has run several in her association with youth soccer in East Providence. The cost of a 55 rider capacity bus is \$800. Foxwoods give each rider a voucher for a free buffet as well as a voucher for \$15.00 for gambling. The Foxwoods stay is for 5 hours. Pickup and drop off would be at Central High School. At an estimated \$40 per person ticket, the association would earn a profit of approximately \$1200. On a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield, a trip on 3/24/18 was proposed with Karen Doucette making the arrangements. The motion was passed.
    2. On a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Don Bianco a fruit basket will be sent to Ron Tella due to his recent illness. Ann Marie Richmond will take care of ordering and having it sent.
    3. Principal Mendelsohn spoke about replacing the lettering on the outside of the building. He would like to have larger letters with a black and gold color and the "School" added instead of just "Central High". He is getting an estimate from Federal Sign. He expects the city to pay for the lettering, but might apply for an Alumni Grant if they will not pay.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield.