

Central High School Alumni Association Providence Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024

Call to Order/Welcome: at 5:35 p.m. by Vice President Tom Ausley

Present: Deborah Nelson-Bush, Reyna Symonds, Sharon Morris, Thomas Ausley, Darlene Price and Elaine Whited

Zoom/Phone: Vitaliano Figueora, Deb Cockfield, Allegra Schell, James Clements, Diana Lana, Gail Davis

Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 2024 Meeting Minutes – Deb Nelson-Bush approved; Sharon Morris seconded

Secretary's Report – Elaine Whited – No report given

Treasurer Report – Jayne O'Brien – Sharon presented the report in lieu of Jayne O'Brien's absence – Deb Nelson-Bush approved, Darlene Price seconded

Committee Reports

Fundraising/Scholarship (Chair, Elaine) Elaine reported that the scholarships were handed out on May 23 to the three scholarship awardees.

On June 11, Ken Williamson, who currently lives in Hawaii, visited the school and was taken on a tour by Jephthe, the awardee of the Frederick Williamson Scholarship. Mr. Williamson also mentioned that he probably will be creating another name scholarship for education in his departed wife's name in the future.

Hall of Fame (Chair TBD) - postponed

Membership (Chair, James) Sharon spoke about another Meet 'n' Mingle in the Fall and about Alumni attending Central sporting events

Old Business:

By-Laws Update: Tom reported that the by-laws language sets term limits to 72 calendar months. He is still in the process of reviewing the by-laws for further clarification and/or changes.

Board/Officers Election Update: Tom reported that the President and Secretary positions were up for re-election. Sharon Morris is interested in seeking re-election for her position as President and he moved to nominate her. James Clements seconded the nomination. Elaine Whited is interested in seeking re-election for her position as Secretary. Sharon moved to nominate Elaine and Deb Bush seconded the nomination. The elections were all approved with no opposition.

Tom reported that there were 6 open board positions. Of the 6 board positions, 2 board members wished to seek re-election; they were Kevin Varella and Gail Davis. Of the remaining open positions, Darlene Price, James Clements, Allegra Schell and Deb Cockfield expressed an interest in holding a board position. All were nominated and seconded by the present attendees. The elections were all approved with no opposition

New Business: Vitaliano Figueora, a new member, attended the meeting via zoom. Tom introduced Vitaliano and told us that he was one of Tom's classmates in school. Tom asked Vitaliano to tell us about himself. He introduced himself and told us he was a graduate of the Class of 1989. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from URI. He is the current Vice Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin. He is willing to help out in any way he can

Side not from UW Website(not part of meeting): Dr. Vitaliano Figueroa is Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UW-Lacrosse. Originally from New York, he was the first of six siblings to go to college. Figueroa has over 20 years of experience in student affairs and higher education. Prior to joining UWL, he was the assistant vice president for student affairs at San Diego State University. Before that, he led a variety of student affairs programs at Valley City State University in North Dakota, the College of Southern Nevada, United States International University in San Diego, Santa Ana College and the University of Rhode Island. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate from Argosy University in California.

Open Discussion: No open discussion

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm