

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2017
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Bianco at 4:30 pm**
In attendance were: Don Bianco, Sal Masiello, Elaine Colaneri, Steve Bianchi, Jayne O'Brien, Marion Avarista, Deb Cockfield, Dianne Lana, Cathy Crepeau, Ron Tella, Paul Dolan and G. Gail Davis.
- **Minutes of previous meeting:**
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Marion Avarista noted the following balances: beginning balance in the General Fund was \$1,941.74 receipts of \$60 (new members), expenses of \$143.14 leaving an ending balance of \$1,858.60. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$1,600.01, expenses of \$250 (deposit for comedy show at Rhodes), receipts of \$250 (donation to cover deposit to Rhodes from Lloyd Massey) leaving a balance of \$1600.01. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$14,043.88, expenses of \$2,000 (scholarships) and \$19.32 (ad book final costs), donation of \$40.00, leaving a balance of \$12,064.56. The report was accepted on a motion by Dianne Lana, seconded by Elaine Colaneri.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 1. Merchant Services Account: Jayne O'Brien reported that the least expensive service she found was from a company called Vantiv (referred to by Washington Trust). There were some questions raised regarding security and the liabilities involved. Jayne will contact the agent and arrange a meeting with her, Sal, Debbie, Don and the agent to further evaluate the proposal. Several members thanked Jayne for a job well done.
 2. The nominating committee usually serves for one year. Marion offered to remain on the committee, but not as chairperson. Committee member Steve Bianchi agreed to serve as chairperson with Marion Avarista and G. Gail Davis remaining as members.
 3. Grant Program Requests: Sal Masiello and Marion Avarista both agreed that we should fund the request by the CHS track team for a grant of \$500 towards the \$10,000 needed to send the team to the National Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Greensboro, NC. Association members present voted to award the \$500 grant.

4. Ron Tella questioned the ability to set up a scholarship in honor of his grandson through the association. President Don Bianco will speak to the scholarship chairman and check into the feasibility of this request.
- **New Business:**
1. President Don Bianco explained the outcome of meeting with Mike Murray regarding the Funny 4 Funds program. August 24th was chosen and booked as the date for this fundraiser. Due to donations by Mike Murray and Lloyd Massey, there are no upfront expenses to run the event. President Bianco had with him 200 tickets and he asked that each member present take 10 tickets to sell. Nine members took a package of 10 tickets each to sell.
 2. Treasurer Marion Avarista submitted her resignation effective this date. All thanked her for her service and President Bianco presented her with a letter of appreciation.
 3. President Bianco noted the need to review and revise our By-laws. He suggested that a committee be organized at the September meeting for this purpose. He will be sending all members a copy of the current By-laws and is seeking volunteers for this job.
 4. Cathy Crepeau wishes to organize a second annual yard sale for this upcoming October. She is seeking members to serve on a committee to run this event. President Bianco will request volunteers through email.
 5. President Bianco noted that Principal Carlson has resigned to take a position in Fall River. He noted that he met with Vice-principal Mendelsohn who was very supportive of our association. He noted that he has applied for the position of principal, but to date has not heard back regarding this matter. He noted that CHS has been won a 21st Grant funding for an after school program for the next five years. President Bianco further noted that he has been in touch with Mayor Alorza's office with regards to linking our website to the City of Providence site as well as seeking help with reaching the Spanish community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Cathy Crepeau.