

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on May 16, 2017
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Bianco at 4:37 pm**
In attendance were: Don Bianco, Sal Masiello, Elaine Colaneri, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Marion Avarista, Deb Cockfield and G. Gail Davis.
- **Minutes of previous meeting:**
The minutes of the meeting were approved on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Paul O'Brien.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Marion Avarista noted the following balances: beginning balance in the General Fund was \$1,881.74, receipts of \$60 (new members), leaving an ending balance of \$1,941.74. Grant Fund had a beginning balance of \$1,900.01, expenses of \$300 (grant to program conducted by Michael Werth) leaving a balance of \$1600.01. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$16,873.99, income from gala/scholarship fund of \$3,605.50 and expenses of \$6,435.61 (gala and ad book) leaving a balance of \$14,043.88. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
- **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Jose was unable to attend meeting as he had teaching obligations. However, he did send in a report to President Don Bianco, which was distributed to those members present in which the process for selection was noted. These scholarships were awarded at the annual Gala Banquet. Recipients were informed that the scholarship money would be sent to the student once verification of registration was received by the association. President Bianco noted that two awardees had already sent in this information. It is being forwarded to the scholarship committee. A question was raised regarding the necessity of the student to complete the full academic year. It was generally decided that we would see how this year's program works out and make any necessary changes in the scholarship program requirements. Sal Masiello noted an article in the Providence Journal discussing the Roger William scholarship program awarding a total of \$100,000 to six high school seniors. He noted that two of the six, including Diana Iglesias (one of our awardees) were from Central High School. The report was accepted on a motion by Elaine Colaneri, seconded by Deb Cockfield.
 2. **Newsletter Report:** Steve Bianchi noted that the current newsletter is finished and will be sent to members this week. He noted that he is trying

to produce six newsletters per year. The report was accepted on a motion by Deb Cockfield, seconded by Paul O'Brien.

3. *Gala Committee:* Chairman Deb Cockfield thanked all for their support. Marion Avarista presented Deb with flowers and our thanks for a great job. Many compliments were given. Deb also noted the great job done by Harold Metts and Judge Caprio. The report was accepted on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Elaine Colaneri.

▪ **Unfinished Business: Grant Program Requests**

Sal spoke on the two requests previously received for grants. One has been awarded to Central for the math tutoring program in the amount of \$300. The second for a sound system is on hold awaiting further information.

1. *Merchants Services Account.* Member Jayne O'Brien will look into alternatives to the proposal we currently have. This is to be presented for completion in September in order to be in use for the 2018 scholarship drive.
2. *Nominating committee* is meeting following the regular meeting today. Concern regarding the By-laws was discussed. It was decided that the current officers would be polled regarding staying in office until April 2018 when elections should be held according to the By-laws. Some discussion was held regarding the possibility of staggering the elections so that four new officers would not take office at one time.
3. President Don Bianco noted that Honors Day will be taking place on May 24th.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Discussion was held regarding the "fiscal year" for accounting of scholarship donations. It was decided on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Elaine Colaneri that the cut off for current years scholarship donations would be March 31st and the succeeding years contributions would begin on April 1st.
2. There was no discussion regarding a school carnival due to the absence of Michael Werth.
3. President Bianco explained what a Funny4Funds event is about and noted that he will be attending a meeting this evening to get more detailed information regarding costs, etc. and will report back to the association at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Deb Cockfield