

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on May 8, 2018
Held at Central High School

▪ **Meeting was called to order by President Don Bianco at 4:34 pm.**

In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Don Bianco, Cathy Crepeau, Paul Dolan, Ronald Tella, Gene Richmond, Ann Marie Richmond, Lyle Perra, Jose Gonzalez and Jon Mendelsohn.

▪ **Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report for the April meeting was accepted on a motion by Gene Richmond, seconded by Jose Gonzalez.

▪ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$1,647.42. Receipts of \$80, expenses of \$219.72 plus a transfer of \$30 to the scholarship fund, leaving a balance of \$1,723.63. There was no activity in the Grant Fund, leaving a balance of \$4176.46. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$19844.57, with expenses of \$903.95 and receipts of \$3005.00 plus a transfer of \$30.00 leaving a balance of \$21975.62. The treasurer also presented a preliminary report from the Gala. There were receipts of \$5560, with expenses of \$1413.10 to date, awaiting the final invoice from the Imperial Room in order to finalize the report. Will be presented at the June meeting. The report was accepted on a motion by Lyle Perra, seconded by Gene Richmond.

▪ **Committee Reports:**

1. Gala: Deb Cockfield was unable to attend the meeting, so no report was presented.
2. Program Booklet: Don Bianco noted that after all expenses, a profit of \$467.90 was made.
3. Hall of Fame: Lyle Perra reported that a meeting was being held later this week with Principal Jon Mendelsohn. He noted that the HOF is looking for a photo of the 1957 football championship trophy. Some discussion was held which indicated that there was no trophy. Principal Mendelsohn noted that AD Peter Rios will be attending the HOF meeting and that he will attempt to have the newly appointed AD present as well. Member Ron Tella asked where he could send his donation of \$500, as promised, to the HOF. He was informed to write it to the CHSAAP HOF fund. President Bianco reminded the HOF committee that next year's celebration is to be planned, implemented and hosted by the HOF Board and that they should discuss that at the Friday meeting. He also mentioned that if the HOF committee wants to use the Foxwoods Bus Trip this fall to benefit the HOF, they should make that request at the June meeting.
4. Communication: Don Bianco thanked Jose Gonzalez for referring Ana Barraza to our organization. She spent two hours with Don and Jayne O'Brien setting up Twitter and Instagram accounts for the association. Both accounts can be

accessed by searching CHSAAPRI. Jayne will be maintaining these accounts and she encouraged members to pass the word on regarding these accounts.

▪ **Unfinished Business:**

Comedy Show: Don Bianco noted that the date of September 20th has been confirmed with Mike Murray and the Imperial Room. Don is looking for committee members to help with the event. Jayne O'Brien, Jose Gonzalez and Gene Richmond volunteered. Don noted that the profit from last year's event was earmarked for the Grant Fund. He felt it might be better if the event was for a specific cause, which might increase the attendance.

Casino Bus Trip: Don Bianco noted that Karen Doucette agreed to chair this event again. He further noted that Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 were possible dates. Further information will be coming in June. Sal Masiello suggested that we look into a daytime trip which might increase attendance, Jayne O'Brien agreed to look into the suggestion and will report back.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Steve Bianchi asked about appointing a communications director. President Bianco noted that he has tried unsuccessfully to find someone for this job for the past three years.
2. Principal Mendelsohn noted that he will be trying to recruit the members of the Class of 2018 for our organization. He asked that someone be available at the Honors Banquet on May 23rd at 1:30. Jose Gonzalez further suggested using the 2018 Scholarship Winners as ambassadors.
3. On a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Paul O'Brien, it was decided that the maximum Grant would be raised from \$500 to \$1000.
4. Principal Mendelsohn passed on the information that he has written to our local politicians in an attempt to get funding for a new gym. At present Central has to share the PCTA fieldhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Steve Bianchi.