

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on April 25, 2017
Held at Central High School

- **Meeting was called to order by President Bianco at 4:32 pm**
In attendance were: Don Bianco, Sal Masiello, Sylvia Long, Elaine Colaneri, Jose Gonzalez, Cathy Crepeau, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Marion Avarista, Gene Richmond, Anna Marie Richmond, Ronald Tella, Michael Werth, and Nikki Jimenez
- **Minutes of previous meeting:**
The minutes of the three previous meetings: 3.18.17 regular meeting, 3.18.17 special meeting and the April email and phone meeting re: scholarship awards were approved on a motion by Gene Richmond, seconded by Cathy Crepeau.
- **President's Report:**
President Bianco noted that the website is being updated as needed. He noted that a new page called "Blast From The Past" has been added. He requested members send him any old photos that he can add to the page. He noted they should be scanned and sent to him as either a jpeg or PDF file. Central High School has requested that we add two links to our website connecting viewers to the CHS webpage and to a page to be developed by the guidance department.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Marion Avarista noted the following balances: beginning balance in the General Fund was \$1,630.74, expenses of \$49.00 (stamps) and receipts of \$300 (new members), leaving an ending balance of \$1,881.74. Grant Fund was unchanged at a balance of \$1,900.01. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$11,355.01, expenses of \$364.02 (supplies, ad, transfer) and deposits of \$5,883 (Gala tickets and ads), leaving an ending balance of \$16,873.99. The report was accepted on a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Steve O'Brien.
- **Committee Reports:**
 1. Scholarship Committee: Chairman Jose Gonzalez reported on the receiving of 14 applications. He and his committee reviewed and arranged the applicants in order. They recommended and presented to the alumni officers, that the top six members receive a \$1,000 scholarship. These winners will be announced and be present at the Gala. It was noted that member Sylvia Long graciously agreed to purchased tickets for the winners and one guest each to the Gala. Some discussion was held regarding how the awards will be given out, either to the recipient directly or to the school. There was concern that giving it to the school might reduce the financial package being offered to the student. Chairman Gonzalez agreed to look into this problem and will contact the financial aid offices of local colleges.

The report was accepted on a motion by Marion Avarista, seconded by Sylvia Long.

President Bianco at this point asked to go to New Business as member Michael Werth was there to speak to the issue of Merchants Service Account. Mr. Werth spoke of his experience with credit card use in his own non-profit business and of the ways that we could take advantage and grow by using this service. After a brisk debate it was decided to table the issue and attempt to obtain additional information. Most felt it was a good idea, but more information was needed.

2. Newsletter Report: Steve Bianchi noted that the next newsletter will be forthcoming in approximately ten days.
3. Gala Committee: Chairman Deb Cockfield was sick but sent in the following. Deadline for the silent auction will be Wednesday 4.26.17. Nikki Jimenez will put together a slide show of the items which will be sent to all members ahead of the Gala. Deb noted that there will be one 50/50 raffle at the Gala. President Bianco noted that the program booklet is just about to go to press. \$2305 was collected in ad revenue. A total of 175 booklets will be printed and one will be placed at each table setting at the Gala. He noted that as of yet he has had no response from the Mayor's office or the school superintendant. He will continue to check.

- **Unfinished Business: Grant Program Requests**

It was recommended by Marion Avarista and Sal Masiello that we award a \$300 grant to Michael Werth, per his request for ELL math tutor. Per vote of the members this was approved.

- **New Business:**

President Don Bianco noted that there are two upcoming school events to which we have been invited. Senior Honors Day will be held on May 24th at 1:30. Anyone wishing to attend should notify the school and an invitation will be sent. Also there will be a Reach Higher Event held on May 10th at 11 am. All are invited.

Marion Avarista noted that the nominating committee is comprised of members Steve Bianchi, Elaine Colaneri, Gail Davis and Marion Avarista. She requested anyone else interested should contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm on a motion by Jose Gonzalez, seconded by Steve Bianchi.