

# Central High School Alumni Association Providence Minutes

March 12, 2024

**Call to Order/Welcome** at 5:36 pm

**In attendance:** Paul Dolan, Darlene Price, Tom Ausley, James Clements, Allegra Schell, Deborah Nelson-Bush, Sharon Morris, Elaine Whited

**Via Zoom:** Jayne O'Brien, Lyle Perra, Deb Cockfield, Ed Dyer, Mina Bouthavong

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

December Meeting Minutes: Paul Dolan approved, Deb Bush seconded.

**Secretary's Report** – Elaine Whited – no Executive Board meeting to report on

**Treasurer Report** – Jayne O'Brien

Darlene Price questioned the method of accounting and recommended modifying the reports. President Sharon Morris suggested Darlene reach out to Jayne regarding the accounting so that we could move forward. A finance committee was suggested, and it was agreed that there is room for improvement.

Paul Dolan approved the Treasurer Report and James Clements seconded report

## **Committee Reports**

**Fundraising/Scholarship:** Elaine reported that the Double Good fundraising was a success and raised \$835.50. Next up is the 401Gives on April 1

**Hall of Fame:** No report was given.

**Membership:** James reported that he will be chairing a zoom meeting. However, a meet 'n' greet or an Alumni Round-up is to be held in May 18 at the Point Street Tavern. More details to come on this.

## **New Business**

**Board Member Nominations:** Sharon reported that there are 5 positions on the Board of Directors open due to person terming out and/or not responding to the email of their interested to remain on the Board. Sharon also stated that anyone interested in holding a Board position should reach out to Tom Ausley

**Executive Committee Member Nominations:** The president and secretary position is up for election or re-election this year and that Sharon and Elaine are interested in appointment of the respective interim positions they are holding now

**Update on By-Law Review:** Tom reported that he will have an update on the by-law review at the next meeting. The initial focus is on the structure of the alumni to expand the membership to other persons associated with Central to have a more diverse membership. Sharon said that if anyone has any suggestions in regard to the by-laws to contact Tom or Elaine. Sharon also asked Elaine to send Tom's contact information to all persons attending the meeting. Sharon also stated that there will be clear requirements for the Board of Directors that they will also hold at least one committee position.

**Old Business –** No discussion

**Open Discussion –** Deb Cockfield said that she was very happy to see the alumni moving in the direction of transparency and attracting more members.

Sharon recommended that Ed Dyer who lives in Florida reach out to Central graduates in Florida and organize their own meet 'n' greet.

There was discussion on ways for us to get the word out on what we do as there are many graduates of Central who do not know we exist.

Tom Ausley suggested that everyone who attends a meeting should bring some one with them who also graduated Central and each time we meet everyone would bring someone which will eventually increase our membership.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm on a motion by Paul Dolan, seconded by James Clements