

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Zoom Meeting of May 11, 2021

- **Meeting was called to order by President Cockfield at 5:33**
In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Deb Cockfield, Jayne O'Brien, Paul Dolan, Lyle Perra, G. Gail Davis, Elaine Whited, Steve Bianchi, Ann Marie Richmond, Gene Richmond, Deb Bush, Dan D'Allesio, Paul O'Brien, Rob Nance, Kevin Varrella, Dianne Lana and Ann Marie Rathbun.
- **Secretary Report:**
The minutes of the April 13th meeting were read and approved on a motion by Paul O'Brien, seconded by Jayne O'Brien.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following. The General Fund started with a balance of \$551.51, there were no expenses, leaving a balance of \$551.51. There was no activity in the Grant Fund, leaving a starting and ending balance of \$3,951.93. The Athletic Hall of Fame also had no activity leaving a starting and ending balance of \$3,229.76. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$15,732.94, with a deposit of \$100.00, leaving a balance of \$15,832.94. The total balance in the Washington Trust Account is \$23,566.14. Jayne noted that the amount collected in the Lend A Helping Hand Thanksgiving Fundraiser has a surplus of \$300.10. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Gene Richmond.
- **Hall of Fame Committee Update:**
Chairman Steve Bianchi noted that five individuals and two teams have been selected by the committee members. He will forward the names to Sal Masiello, who will send an email vote to the BOD for approval. He noted that progress has been made with regards to the HOF display. Two different fonts were displayed and one was chosen, with some corrections, on a motion by Paul Dolan, seconded by Sal Masiello. He stated that although he does not have a final cost for the display, he estimates the cost at approximately \$200.00
- **Communications Committee:**
Chairwoman Elaine Whited reported that she had attempted to meet with school officials on April 29th, but was unable to do so as school was not in session. She is working on updating the website and is open to suggestions for more changes or additions. She also is working to create a "communications calendar".

- **Scholarship:**

Deb Cockfield noted that there are several applications to date, but did not have the exact number, but it was less than five. She noted that final awards would be determined by next week.

- **Unfinished Business:**

1. With regards to the CHS food pantry, we have spoken with Tracy and Renee and they are looking forward to working with us. The donating of gift cards would be useful as that would allow the recipients to purchase vegetables and proteins, which they are not able to provide at this time. They noted that they are applying for a Rhode Island Grant in order to purchase a refrigerator for the food pantry. A motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Deb Cockfield was made to use the Lend A Helping Hands funds to purchase twenty (20) \$15.00 gift cards to donate to the food pantry. The motion passed.
2. Deb Cockfield noted that we have five board members whose terms expire this year, as well as two officers (vice-president and treasurer). Having spoken with these members, only Cathy Crepeau did not wish to continue in her position. It was noted by Sal Masiello, that her position would not have to be replaced as the number of board members can fluctuate. An email vote will be sent to those board members, not up for re-election, and the results will be noted at the June meeting.

- **Open discussion:**

1. Elaine Whited noted that several of the By-Laws need to be updated. Deb Cockfield will put together a committee to possibly revise the By-Laws and will report back with any decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm on a motion by Deb Cockfield, seconded by Sal Masiello.