

# Central High School Alumni Association Providence

## Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

**Call to Order/Welcome** at 5:50 due to technical difficulties connecting Zoom

**Attendees In Person** – G. Gail Davis, Darlene Price, Sharon Morris, Elaine Whited

**Attendees On Zoom** – Allegra Schell, Paul Dolan, Reyna Symonds, Gary Fortin

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Darlene Price approved the 12/17/24 minutes and Gail Davis seconded the motion, no opposing alumni

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

**Treasurer Report** – Jayne O'Brien – Jayne was not logged into Zoom, therefore, Sharon Morris gave the report as follows for activity thru 3/12/25:

- Grant Fund -\$1,289.81
- AHOF - \$1,542.59
- Scholarship Fund - \$16.08
- The General Fund had an opening balance of \$974.06 with expenses of \$511.85 (990 Tax filing and Go Daddy \$461.85) closing balance as of 3/11/25 of \$462.21
- The Food Drive - \$0.00 with a deposit of \$100.00 which was donated to the Food Pantry – balance \$0.00
- Total in the Washington Trust Checking Account Balance of \$3,310.69
- The report was approved by Gail Davis and Paul Dolan seconded the report – no opposing alumni

### Committee Reports

#### Fundraising/Scholarship (Chair, Elaine)

**Fundraising-** James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon – No meetings were held – However, Elaine reported that the 401 Gives will be coming up on April 1, 2026 and she will be registering CHSAAP again this year.

Elaine also reported that Sharon and herself met with Luis DelRio a alumni member and a Lions member regarding fundraising. He offered several recommendations for fundraising, one of which was a Savers Donation Drive which we will be moving forward with. He stated that the lions uses his shed to store their items for the donation drive and we should probably look into doing the same.

**Scholarship-** Elaine, Deb, Paul D., Jayne, Darlene, Kevin

Scholarship Drive: – Elaine reported that the Scholarship drive was underway, and that notification went out via email and USPS mail. Deb Nelson-Bush paid for the postage (\$219.00) and Elaine Whited did the printing with her printer and her supplies. The USPS mail was sent to all alumni and several have been returned due to old addresses. Elaine said this will allow us to update the addresses.

Elaine also reported that the Luis DelRio also mentioned that he will be bringing our request for a Scholarship donation to his board and get back to us.

Elaine also reported that Sharon, Deb Bush-Nelson and herself met with Jimps Jean-Louis and Renee Walker regarding the student scholarship application. It was decided at this meeting to revise the scholarship application so that if offered the some of the same questions as the common application making. This would allow the students to create their essays and use them for both common applications for scholarships and the CHSAAP application. Once revised it would be sent to Jimps Jean-Louis and Renee Walker who will also request that it be posted to Central's website.

**Hall of Fame (Chair TBD)** – No meeting was held  
Gail, Lyle, Kevin, Deb, Robert, Tom, Jayne

**Membership (Chair, James)** – No meeting was held  
James, Robert, Elaine

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws:** The amended By-Laws were approved at the special board meeting on January 21, 2025 and sent to the alumni via email on Monday, March 10, 2025 along with the final reminder for the March meeting.

**New Business:**

**Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer:** Sharon reported that the Vice President was up for re-election and that Tom Ausley was interested in continuing in that seat. She also reported that Darlene Price was interested in the Treasurer's seat. The election for the two seats up for re-election will take place in April via a zoom meeting.

**Other:** Sharon reported that according to the amended By Laws a Finance Committee will be formed; and if anyone is interested in serving on the Finance Committee, they should give their names to Sharon or email CHSAAP.

Elaine mentioned that we had a request from Sharon Gormley to place an ad in the 2025 yearbook. Sharon took a vote, and it was agreed to place an ad for \$100.00.

**Open Discussion:**

Darlene reported that she has been in contact with Prepare RI and that CHSAAP has been approved to receive help from a student/internship with all our communication needs including social media, etc.

Elaine reported that she received lists from graduating classes of Central from 1951 to 1969 and that as soon as possible we will begin to contact such persons to join the Alumni.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 by a motion from Gail Davis and seconded by Darlene Price