

**Central High School Alumni Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting of November 14, 2023**  
**Held at Central High School**

- **Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Morris at 5:33 pm**  
In attendance: Sharon Morris, Deb Bush, G. Gail Davis, Paul Dolan, Jayne O'Brien, Melissa Husband, Reyna Symonds, Kevin Varella, Robert Nance, Darlene Price, and Elaine Whited
- **Minutes of previous meeting:**  
The minutes of the October 10, 2023, were distributed for review. They were approved on a motion by Paul Dolan and seconded by Gail Davis
- **Treasurer's Report:**  
The Treasurer's report for October 10, 2023, thru November 14, 2023 was distributed as follows:

\$116.60 General Fund  
\$1,542.29 Athletic Hall of Fame  
\$0.00 Scholarship Fund  
\$1,289.00 Grant Fund  
\$1,543.40 Food Drive

\$4,492.50 Washington Trust Checking Account Balance as of 11/14/2023

The report was approved by Robert Nance and seconded by Kevin Varella

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Executive Board**  
Elaine Whited reported that at the Executive Committee meeting the following was discussed:
    - ✓ Committees: Sharon Morris discussed the members of the 3 committees thus far and that she would be reaching out to see if more members were interested.
    - ✓ Go-Daddy: The Go-Daddy account was discussed and the process in which to attempt to gain access to the website.
    - ✓ Membership Fee: Initiating a request to membership to pay an annual \$25.00 membership to keep the General Fund afloat was discussed.
    - ✓ Thanksgiving Drive: Jayne reported the donations and that she was in contact with Christina Yates so the school counselors could identify who to distribute the Price Rite gift certificates to. It was decided that \$100.00 gift certificates would be purchased with the donations.
    - ✓ Scholarship Appeal: This to be discussed at next Board meeting. Elaine suggested that members with email addresses be emailed the material and all other members will receive the information via regular mail.
    - ✓ Elections: This will be included on December's agenda

- ✓ 2024 Fundraising: Discussion was had on holding a Spring Fling, an All Class Reunion, a Popcorn Sale. Included was the discussion of Alumni's presence at all sporting events
- ✓ Old Business: By-Law Review for 2024 and Zoom availability for upcoming meetings.

As a follow-up to the Committee Report, Sharon Morris discussed that 2024 will be a rebuild year as the Alumni Association does fundraising throughout the year.

- ❖ Fundraising – James Clements has the momentum to raise money for 2024 and if anyone has that drive and is interested can volunteer for the Scholarship/Fundraising Committee. A doable fundraising for non-profits of Double Good Popcorn Fundraising for non-profits around Valentine's Day, make great gifts.
- ❖ Annual Membership Fee- Again, it was reiterated to build up the general fund, an appeal for an annual fee will be made outside what is currently written in the By-Laws. Meeting attendees could pay Jayne the \$25.00 at the next Board meeting in December.

#### ▪ Old Business

##### ○ Committee Assignments:

- ✓ Membership - James Clements (Chair), Robert Nance, Elaine Whited, and Roxanne Harris-Livingston
- ✓ Hall of Fame – Gail Davis (Chair), Lyle Perra, Kevin Varella, Robert Nance, Paul O'Brien, and Jayne O'Brien

Sharon informed all that Tom Ausley is interested in being on the Hall of Fame committee. It is realized that 2024 will be a challenging year but the current focus should be on the Scholarship. However, Paul Dolan said there could be a solicitation for Hall of Fame awardees for the next banquet.

- ✓ Scholarship/Fundraising – Elaine Whited (Chair), James Clements, Roxanne Harris-Livingston, Paul Dolan, and Sharon Morris

Jayne O'Brien, Deb Bush, and Kevin Varella volunteered to join the committee. Anyone is welcome to be on the scholarship review committee. Melissa Husband asked what's the expectation for the scholarship/fundraising. It was suggested that the committee look at the RI Foundation to check to see if there currently are scholarships for Central High students. Darlene Price suggested that the Scholarship committee approach a potential matching donor; i.e, Washington Trust. It was also suggested that members that a look at their LinkedIn to see if any of their contacts who are a Central graduate have any affiliation with other banks.

#### ▪ New Business:

- **Scholarship Appeal:** To go out after Thanksgiving and that because the Scholarship Fund is at \$0.00, the Alumni focus on a goal of giving two to three scholarships in 2024. It is felt that because this has been an annual event, it should not be skipped for 2024. James Clements (chair), Robert Nance, Roxanne Harris-Livingston, and Elaine Whited

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12/12/2023 at Central.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm on a motion by Jayne O'Brien, seconded by Kevin Varella