

# Central High School Alumni Association Providence Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

**Call to Order/Welcome** – at 5:38 pm after some difficulty connecting with Zoom

**Present** – Sharon Morris, Deb Bush-Nelson, James Clements, Darlene Price, Robert Nance, Colonel Oscar Perez and Elaine Whited

**Zoom** – Paul Dolan, Sal Masiello, Vitaliano Figueroa and Jayne O'Brien

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** - October 2024 Meeting Minutes – approved by Deb Bush and seconded by James Clements

**Secretary's Report** – Elaine Whited – no report given

**Treasurer Report** – Jayne O'Brien read the Treasurer's report, a question was raised on who the \$20.00 membership fee was from; Jayne replied it was from Vitaliano Figueroa. Sharon asked Jayne to provide the names of the donors who contributed to the Food Drive. The report was approved by Sal Masiello and seconded by Paul Dolan

## Committee Reports

**Fundraising/Scholarship** (Chair, Elaine) – A summary of the minutes from the 11/5/24 Fundraising meeting was read that includes highlights below – Report was approved by Robert Nance and seconded by Darlene Price

**Fundraising**- James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon

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

**Homecoming Tailgate Party**: Elaine reported that the Homecoming Tailgate Party was a success. T-shirts were made and sold and light snacks were provided. After reimbursement of the T-shirt and food costs between T-shirts sales and donations there was \$5.05 in excess which was given to the general fund. There are still T-shirts available for sale and the money collected will be deposited into the general fund. Jayne questioned why a check from the association was not requested for this event and Sharon replied that due to the short timeline it was felt we had to move quickly and it was decided to proceed with out of pocket and reimbursement from the T-shirt sales.

**See's Candies Fundraising**: Elaine also reported that the feeling was not to hold another drive at this time to raise money for the General Fund due to the current Thanksgiving Drive underway and that the scholarship drive will begin in January and it was felt we were asking too much of the Alumni.

**Thanksgiving Donation Drive**: It was discussed that due to the higher price of groceries at Price Rite, this year the alumni should purchase gift certificates for the Thanksgiving Drive to Aldi's. Jayne replied that it has always been Price Rite.

Sharon said we should vote on this. A vote was taken and the majority voted to purchase Aldi's gift certificates in \$100.00 increments

**All Class Reunion:** This will be revisited at the beginning of the new year by James Clements, and it is hoped that holding a reunion will recruit more Alumni members to join.

**Scholarship Drive:** Oscar Perez asked how the scholarship drive works, and it was explained. Darlene Price reported that the Class of 1974 raised money for a Class of 1974 scholarship and that the Alumni could count on a scholarship as such. Elaine reported that the Class of 1974 was shy a couple of dollars to reach \$1,500.00 and would be soliciting the class for more donations.

### **Hall of Fame (Chair TBD)**

Gail, Lyle, Kevin, Deb, Robert, Tom, Jayne

**No report given**

### **Membership (Chair, James)**

James, Robert, Elaine

James mentioned that there was currently a movie being filmed in North Providence that several Alumni members were involved in. He was attempting to see how to tie this into a membership drive. Sharon asked James to set some dates for Membership committee meetings and to send them to Sharon and Elaine.

Colonel Oscar Perez suggested that the Alumni contact the PPSD for list of graduates to solicit additional membership. Sharon asked Elaine to contact PPSD to see if this was available.

### **Old Business:**

**By-Laws Update:** Tom Ausley, Vitaliano Figueroa, Darlene Price

Due to Tom's absence due to business obligations, Sharon reported on the by-laws update and that the revised by-laws contain clarification on language and the flow of the organization. Sharon deferred to Darlene Price and Vitaliano Figueroa to report. Darlene reported that some of the changes were to change the election year from April to January so that it was aligned with the fiscal year. In the revised by-laws, it is suggested that the meetings be changed to a bi-monthly meeting schedule with the annual meeting occurring in December of each year. There was discussion of a non-officer director representative from the school to be appointed. The revised by-laws contain clarification on setting in place more checks and balances regarding the financial accounting for the alumni association.

Sharon reported for Darlene to send out the draft of the revised by-laws and for the Board of Directors to hold a special meeting via Zoom on November 19 to review the draft.

**New Business:** No new business reported

**Open Discussion:**

Darlene reported that the association needed a Social Media person. She reported that she was in touch with a person from Classical and that possibly the state would pay for an internship for such a person. Colonel Oscar Perez suggested that we use the school with students from PCTA for a Social Media person. He said that he uses PCTA for different resources for the Providence Police Department.

Deb Nelson-Bush reported that Central's Girl Volleyball team won the State Championship and that the Providence Mayor, Brett Smiley, has invited them to City Hall for recognition and a celebration.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by Deb Cockfield and seconded by Robert Nance

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whited, Secretary