

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on May 14, 2019
Held at Central High School

▪ **Meeting was called to order by President Deb Cockfield at 5:30 pm.**

In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, G. Gail Davis, Debi Nelson-Bush, Don D'Alesio, Gene Richmond, Anna Marie Richmond, Deb Cockfield, Paul Dolan, Lyle E. Perra, Flo Adeni-Awosika, Elaine Whited.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report for the April meeting was accepted on a motion by Gene Richmond, seconded by Steve Bianci.

▪ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$199.39 with expenses of \$163.34 (merchant fee, which needs to be refunded). There were no receipts, leaving a balance of \$36.05. There was no activity in the Grant Fund, leaving a balance of \$4237.29. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$12,191.96, with expenses of \$15.08 (merchant fee) and receipts of \$50.00 leaving a balance of \$12,226.88. The Athletic Hall of Fame had a beginning balance of \$4,540.41, with expenses of \$1,442.50 (Chelo's) and receipts of \$3,415.00, leaving a balance of \$6,513.01. Total balance in Washington Trust is \$23,013.23. The report was accepted on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by G. Gail Davis.

▪ **Committee Reports:**

1. Hall of Fame: Steve Bianci reported that the HOF Banquet is a sell out (180). Speaker Don Gillooly is confirmed, second speaker Bill Reynolds is not yet confirmed. He also noted that the booklet is just about finished. Paul O'Brien added that he is forming a waiting list for the banquet. He further noted that the ending time of the banquet has been extended to 11:00 pm.

▪ **Unfinished Business:**

1. By-laws Amendment: A copy of the present and proposed changes to the By-laws with regards to named scholarships were given to all board members present for consideration at the June meeting. The changes will be sent to all board members not present at the meeting.
2. Elections: On a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by G. Gail Davis and approved by all directors present, the following were re-elected to the Board of Directors for the years 2019, 2020, 2021; Elaine Colaneri, Paul O'Brien, Anna Marie Richmond and Gene Richmond.
3. Comedy Show: Deb Cockfield noted that Mike Murray had confirmed with Don Bianco that he is willing to once again donate his show, provided the show takes place on a Thursday evening. September 19th was decided on for a date with an alternate date of September 26th if necessary. Jayne O'Brien will look into a venue

site with a possibility of the Warwick K. of C., which was suggested by Mike Murray.

4. Other trips: It was noted that the Foxwoods trip has not proved to be very profitable. It was suggested that we continue to look for other suggestions.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Scholarship Awards: On a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Paul Dolan and approved by the Board members present, it was decided to provide five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to the members of the Class of 2019.
2. Open: Jayne O'Brien suggested we eliminate Transax as we have very little use of the service and the expense does not justify continuing. A motion to discontinue the service was made by Jayne O'Brien, seconded by Anna Marie Richmond and approved by the members present.
3. Jayne O'Brien passed around a note and pictures from NUA, New Urban Arts Program, thanking us for funding their Grant request.
4. Jayne O'Brien reported on a Grant request from Tracy Boothman, ELA 9th grade teacher in the amount of \$500.00. After review by both Jayne and Sal Masiello, it was recommended that the grant not be funded. On a vote by the membership, it was denied.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Gene Richmond.