

Central High School Alumni Association
Minutes of Meeting on April 10, 2018
Held at Central High School

▪ **Meeting was called to order by President Don Bianco at 4:30 pm.**

In attendance were: Sal Masiello, Steve Bianchi, Paul O'Brien, Jayne O'Brien, Deb Cockfield, Don Bianco, Cathy Crepeau, Elaine Colaneri, Paul Dolan, Ronald Tella, Ana Barraza (guest), Gene Richmond, Ann Marie Richmond and Jon Mendelsohn.

▪ **Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report for the March meeting was accepted as presented.

▪ **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jayne O'Brien noted the following: the general fund had a beginning balance of \$1,647.42. Receipts of \$455 (Credit Card Co.), \$45 for membership and \$855 for Foxwoods Trip. Expenses of \$400 (MD Bus), \$165 Bus driver tip, \$64.20 (flowers for Sylvia), \$15.08 (Gateway), and \$9.79 (Merchant Fees). A transfer of \$455.00 to the Scholarship Fund, leaving a balance of \$1893.35. Grant Fund had no activity leaving a balance of \$4176.46. The Scholarship Fund had a beginning balance of \$18814.56 with expenses of \$65 (Sir Speedy) printing, \$9.99 (checks), \$825 (donor directed reallocation to Hall of Fame account). Receipts of \$1475 (Gala ads), \$455.00 (Transfer from Transax, credit card co.) leaving a balance of \$19,844.57. Hall of Fame account had deposit of \$825 (reallocation) and expenses of \$9.99 (checks) leaving a balance of \$815.01. Total balances in all CHSAAP accounts are \$26,729.39. This report was accepted as read.

▪ **Committee Reports:**

1. Gala: Deb Cockfield reported that 49 tickets had been sold to date. President Bianco noted that there were orders in today's mail. He and Deb agreed to meet weekly to work on Gala.
2. Program Booklet: Don Bianco noted that we have sold approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ as many ads as last year. There will be enough revenue to pay for the hor d'oeuvres and the printing of the booklet.
3. Hall of Fame: Steve Bianchi reported that the committee will be talking with Principal Mendelsohn regarding the placing of a showcase(s) for the Hall of Fame in the front foyer. Don Bianco gave Steve three names as possible members of the committee. Don suggested that the committee members should make individual donations to help get the Hall of Fame off the ground.
4. Scholarship: Chairman Gonzalez was not present but Don Bianco reported that the process was complete, with the top eight candidates awarded \$1000 scholarships. Letters have been sent out to the awardees along with an invitation to our Gala. Notices were also sent to those who did not receive an award.
5. Scholarship Appeal results: Don Bianco reported that to date there are donations of \$11,446. There are one or two late donations which will be added to this total.

6. Communications: Don Bianco reported that he is continually updating the Facebook page as well as the web site. He suggested that members go onto our site at least once per week. Discussion was had with guest Ana Barraza who will meet with Don Bianco and Jayne O'Brien to show us ways to improve our social media presence.
7. Foxwoods Trip: Deb Cockfield reported that the trip was very successful with all having a great time. Jayne O'Brien reported that 36 tickets were sold for a total of \$1620. Expenses were \$900 for the bus and \$165 for the bus driver's tip, leaving a profit of \$555.

▪ **Unfinished Business:**

Elections: President Don Bianco thanked Steve Bianchi for his work on the election slate. Nominations from the floor resulted in the addition of Paul Dolan as a 2 year member of the Board of Directors. The slate of officers were then elected as presented by unanimous consent.

▪ **New Business:**

1. On a motion by Jayne O'Brien, seconded by Cathy Crepeau a motion was made to remove the administrative fee from our membership application. Motion was passed.
2. Don Bianco reported that Mike Murray has agreed to donate his Funny4Funds show to our group provided we can arrange a Thursday date. On a motion by Paul O'Brien, seconded by Cathy Crepeau, September 20, 2018 was decided as a date for the show. Don will check this date with Mike and the facility.
3. Discussion was held regarding the yard sale and it was decided that there would be no yard sale this year, as Cathy could no longer chair the project.
4. It was decided that Deb Cockfield and Jayne O'Brien will look into having another Foxwoods trip in the fall.
5. President Don Bianco will work on a fall schedule to be completed by the June meeting.
6. Jayne O'Brien reported that a Grant application had been received from David Lilley of the English department. He is requesting \$500 towards a total cost of \$700 for a Fender Passport portable PA system. Both Jayne and Sal Masiello agreed that the Grant should be approved. A vote by the BOD members agreed to fund the request.
7. Ron Tella asked to speak to the group. He thanked the membership for the flowers he received after his recent heart attack. He then voiced his displeasure with the fact that due to not having email he was not notified of the cancellation of the Meet and Greet. He found himself at Brewed Awakenings with no event taking place.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 on a motion by Sal Masiello, seconded by Paul O'Brien.