

Central High School Alumni Association Providence

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Call to Order/Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm

Present: Darlene Price, Deborah Bush, Rob Nance, G. Gail Davis, Reyna Symonds, Sharon Morris and Elaine Whited

Zoom: Sal Mansolillo, Paul Dolan, Jayne O'Brien and Paul O'Brien

Approval of Meeting Minutes – The minutes of April 8, 2025, were sent via email and approved on a motion by Deb Bush and seconded by Darlene Price

Secretary's Report – Elaine reviewed the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting held on April 28, 2025 – see attached

Treasurer Report – Darlene Price reported that she did not have a Treasurer's report due to some inconsistencies; however, she discussed the following:

Received access to Washington Trust Business Checking Account and as of this morning the total balance for the account is \$17,203.40

Committee Reports

Finance (Chair, Darlene)
Deb Cockfield

Darlene reported that there is only one checking account and that the money in the account goes to different allocations (i.e, scholarship). She reported that she went into GoDaddy and removed the credit card information from the account. She also reported that there would be a process for spending. She reported that all committee chairs will need to submit invoices for spending and that the committees will be allocated funds. She spoke about the \$5,000.00 due from Georgia State University that she called, and they were trying to track down the money due to Jepthe Pinthere for her second quarter at Rhode Island College due to her transfer. She asked if Jayne could supply her with copies of her communications to Georgia State University.

Fundraising/Scholarship (Chair, Elaine)

Fundraising- James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon
FunDrive – June 7, drop off date June 14

Elaine spoke about the FunDrive that we were still looking for a place to store the donations between the drop off date and the collection date. Darlene Price mentioned that James Clements was going to call me regarding this, saying that he might have a place to use. Elaine dropped flyers off at the school to hung out. When she was at school, Renee Walker had mentioned the Big Sisters/Big Brothers also do the same type of drive. Elaine checked the rate that the BSBB paid and there were 5 cents per lb. compared to Savers who paid 8 cents per lb. and asked the attendees what they would like to do. It was decided to stay with Savers.

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

Elaine gave a report of the scholarship drive donations thus far of \$13,585.00. She said the when the scholarship last met, the recommendation was to offer the two named scholarships, one for \$10,000.00 and one for \$1,500.00. To leave the remaining donations in the bank account to build up the account that was depleted in 2023. As mentioned in previous meetings, the goal was to look to the future to have the RI Foundation manage the donation drive to build up the account with investments. RI Foundation minimum amount to manage is \$10,000.00. Paul Dolan spoke up regarding his donation this year and it was expected to be given as part of the scholarship drive. It was decided that the committee would meet again to decide on the scholarships and once decided to send out an email for the committee to vote.

PLEASE NOTE: After this discussion, the entire persons on zoom dropped off the meeting.

Hall of Fame (Chair, Tom)

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

Tom reported that he will begin to call meetings for the Hall of Fame which is expected to be held in 2026.

Membership (Chair, James)

James, Robert, Elaine

Not present to give report

Grants

Old Business:

Open Board Seat: Elaine reported that she heard from Oscar Perez's assistant and due to his limits on time, he felt he should decline the board seat. It was decided to postpone filling this seat until September.

School Designee: It was decided to postpone this decision until September

Yearbook: Elaine reported that the yearbook add was placed in Central's yearbook but due to only 2 businesses placing an add the teacher had decided not to charge the businesses. However, if we were willing to donate the money from the ad to help two students who were unable to purchase a yearbook it would be appreciated. Sharon suggested that we help 4 students purchase the yearbook by giving each student \$25.00 towards their purchase. This was decided option was decided on.

Student Scholarship Selection: Elaine would send out the scholarship's application and a meeting date to follow.

GoDaddy: Elaine spoke about GoDaddy. She said Darlene told her she had gone into the GoDaddy and erased all the credit card info. However, when Elaine logged into GoDaddy the information was still there. She also discovered that the fee that was paid in February was for 3 years for the new style of the Website. Also, the access to the old website needs a renewal of \$99.00 or it could be renewed month to month in order to copy the information on to the new website. She spoke with someone at GoDaddy, and we would not be able to get a refund of the \$450.00 that was paid for the 3 years in February of this year.

New Business:

Member Applications: Elaine reported that she received two applications and sent each of them an email regarding the membership fee. She had not heard back from them at this point in time.

State Legislative Grant: Elaine reported that she was given a piece of paper concerning applying for a State Legislative Grant. She passed the information on to Sharon who suggested due to the timing (interest in the grant was within a day) that Elaine contact the councilman about CHSAAP applying for the grant) and apply for a \$2,000.00 grant. Elaine contacted Enrique Sanchez (the representative for the Central area) who in turn put her in touch with his assistant. His assistant took the information and said someone would be in touch with her for the application to request the grant.

Open Discussion:

During the open discussion Sharon suggested in the future that we possibly do a pass the hat at sporting events to build up the general fund. Sharon also suggested that instead of the Thanksgiving Food Drive we give to the food pantry. Elaine suggested that we discuss this with Renee Walker to see what the preferred donation is.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025 would be via Zoom

Adjournment: Sharon adjourned at 5:35 on a motion by Deb Bush and seconded by Rob Nance