

Central High School Alumni Association Providence

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

Call to Order/Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm

Attendees: Deb Cockfield, Deb Nelson-Bush, Gail Davis, Darlene Price, Paul Dolan, Sharon Morris, Elaine Whited. Tom Ausley and Reyna Symonds joined a short time after the meeting began.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sharon asked if the attendees had a chance to review the May 13, 2025 meeting minutes and gave all a minute to review. Once reviewed, Sharon called for approval of the minutes. Deb Nelson-Bush made a motion to approve the minutes. Sharon asked for a second approval of the minutes and Deb Cockfield made a motion to second the approval of the minutes. Sharon then called for a vote and acknowledged that all on the call had approved the minutes.

Secretary's Report – Sharon asked Elaine to give a Secretary's report. Elaine reported that there was no Executive Board meeting; therefore, she had nothing to report.

Treasurer Report – Darlene Price reported that the Washington Trust account has a total balance of \$22,450.64. She then mentioned that the \$5,000.00 2024 scholarship refund check for Jephthe Pinthere from Georgia Southern University was received on June 4. There was then a lengthy discussion regarding ensuring that the refund was given to the student as soon as possible. It was confirmed Elaine Whited as chairman of the scholarship committee should be the only one communicating with the student to avoid past mistakes and Elaine would verify with the school the student's full-time enrollment for the spring semester of 2025 and would then communicate with Darlene to release the funds to the school.

On another subject Darlene Price requested a key to the PO Box. Sharon reported there are only two keys, one for the Secretary and one for herself. She feels that a 3rd key is not warranted. There was discussion around a \$1,000.00 scholarship check that was received and due to vacations, it could not be coordinated to hand off the check which was just a one off event. Going forward, the mailbox will be checked once a week and if there are any checks that need to go to the Treasurer, they will coordinate a place and time to hand off the checks.

Darlene reported on the progress of intern from Prepare RI to create the website and that there will be a donation button included which could be an answer to the check situation. Sharon mentioned that we should also figure out what platform we use as there are platforms to avoid processing fees. Also, Sharon included that as the funds come in Darlene will need to provide those transactions to the respective committees before the financial reports so that the committees can include those in their reports also. There was also a lengthy discussion on the GoDaddy account and that the association had already paid for 3 years. It was agreed upon that

whatever the intern was working on for a website, it should be moved over to GoDaddy. It was also recommended that a call be had so everyone was on the same page.

Committee Reports

Finance (Chair, Darlene) – See above report was included with Treasurer's report
Deb Cockfield

Fundraising/Scholarship (Chair, Elaine) –

Fundraising- James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon

Elaine reported on the Saver's Drive. She reported that it was a long, time-consuming process meeting with the Saver's representative, meeting weekly with her, etc. and that we raised approximately \$297.00. She felt that maybe for the following year we will hold a yard sale in the hopes of raising more money.

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

Scholarship Drive:

Elaine reported that a \$1,000.00 scholarship check was received from Alberto Milano. She also gave a summary of the Honor's night when the CHSAAP scholarships were given and the emotion of the student who received the \$10,000.00 Frederick Williamson, Sr. Scholarship.

Sharon commented on the well put together Honor's night compared to the following year, and she also thanked the Scholarship Committee on selecting some well deserving students.

Hall of Fame (Chair, Tom)

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

Tom reported that he would begin scheduling meetings with the Hall of Fame committee members beginning the upcoming Friday. He would send out a group email to see who was still interested and if the day and time worked for everyone.

Membership (Chair, James)

James, Robert, Elaine

Sharon reported that there were no updates and asked Elaine to send out to the Board of Director's the membership application electronically and to update the Alumni's PO box and email address on the form so that everyone can blast out the form to others. Elaine asked if she should also include on the application the \$25.00 membership fee and it was agreed that she should.

Grant

Sharon asked if there were any updates on the grant. Elaine reported that she included this section as per the revised by laws.

Old Business:

Sharon asked if there was any report on old business

Yearbook Ad: Elaine reported that this was completed but also reported that someone else got involved with communicating to the Central High teacher and it became confusing. She suggested that we respect each other and not get involved after the fact.

Student Scholarship: Status report given above

Saver's FunDrive: Status report given above

State Legislative Grant: Elaine reported on the status that she has been in contact with the many people involved with requesting this grant. She reported that in the end it is up to the Senate whether we will receive the formal application to apply for the grant. She is hoping that when she checks the mailbox that the application is there.

Alumni T-Shirts: Elaine said to Sharon that she noticed at the Saver's drive that Sharon was wearing an Alumni shirt. Sharon said she couldn't recall how she got the shirt but she would check her email and check with Michael Reed and report back.

New Business:

Sharon asked if there was any new business. She reported that we spent a lot of time discussing the flow of information coming thru the committee chairs and that the committee chairs will send the information to the President and the Treasurer for the next steps. Anything that comes to the PO Box, Elaine will coordinate with the committee members to get what they need.

Next Meetings: September 9, 2025

November 11, 2025 (No school)

December 8, 2025 (Annual Mtg)

Open Discussion: There was a discussion on the November meeting, and it was suggested to check the school calendar for the November 11, 2025, meeting due to no school and/or if it's an election date. We prefer to hold the meeting in November

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 with a motion from Deb Nelson-Bush and it was seconded by Deb Cockfield with no opposition.