

# Central High School Alumni Association Providence

## Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2025

### Welcome & Attendance

- Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm.
- New alumni member welcomed: Lynn Johnson, Class of 1985.
- Attendees included: Gail Davis, Diane Lana, Deb Nelson-Bush, Deb Cockfield, Paul Dolan, Darlene Price, Sharon Morris, Tom Ausley, Tom Howarth, Vitaliano Figueroa, Elaine Whited.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes – September, 2025 minutes

- Darlene Price moved to approve the minutes and Deb Cockfield seconded – Sharon called for all in favor and there was no opposition

### Secretary's Report – Elaine Whited

- No report, no executive meeting was held

### Treasurer Report – Darlene reported the following on the checking account:

- Checking account balance: \$16,276.96.
- Fund allocations:
  - ❖ General Fund: \$942.64
  - ❖ Scholarship Fund: \$8,584.22 (with \$5,000 to be paid out in January)
  - ❖ Grant Fund: \$1,189.84
  - ❖ Hall of Fame: \$1,542.69 (with \$250 to be paid to Cranston Country Club)
  - ❖ Food Drive: \$3,917.60
- Tom Ausley voted to approve the report and Diane Lana seconded – Sharon call for all in favor and there was no opposition

### Committee Reports:

- **Finance: (Chair, Darlene)**
  - ❖ Deb Cockfield, Reyna Symonds, Sharon
- **Fundraising/Scholarship: (Chair, Elaine)**
  - Fundraising-** James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon
    - ❖ Thanksgiving Drive raised \$3,917.60; plan to purchase 20 Aldi gift cards and donate \$1,000 to Central Food Pantry. Remaining funds to be allocated in January.
    - ❖ “Funny-4-Funds” event planning: Elaine Whited to invite Mike Murrah to January meeting.

- ❖ Suggestion to explore theater trips for fundraising.

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

- Elaine to schedule recurring meetings to begin the process for 2026

**Hall of Fame: (Chair, Tom)**

Gail, Kevin, Deb, Robert, Tom, Deb Cockfield, Elaine

- Venue: Cranston County Club
  - Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026
  - Nominations:
  - Ad Booklet (Rob Nance):
- Tom spoke on the progress of the meetings and that the committee meets every other Saturday morning for at least a half hour

**Membership (Chair open)** – No meetings were held; therefore, no report given

Robert, Elaine

**Grant (Sharon)**

- Sharon reported that she plans on reaching out to Central and different clubs/groups within Central to see the need and emphasized that funds are low

**Communications: (Chair open)**

**Old Business:**

**Alumni T-Shirts:**

- Elaine reported that she dropped the ball on this and due to the upcoming holidays further discussion and decision to be delayed until after the holidays.

**Elections:**

President – Sharon Morris, Other

Secretary – Elaine Whited, Other

3 Board of Director Seats – Rob Nance, Paul Dolan, Other

- Sharon reported on the open positions about and let everyone know that we are currently taking nominations and if anyone would like to make a nomination to email [infocentralalumni@gmail.com](mailto:infocentralalumni@gmail.com)

**New Business:**

**Additional Payment Options:**

- Exploring additional payment options for donations: Electronic Check, Zeffy, Venmo, Zelle, Cash App, Apple Pay. Finance Committee to investigate further

- Deb Cockfield spoke on looking into different options for people to donate/pay in order to give people options so that it makes it easier for the individual.
- Sharon spoke on Zeffy that is a no cost platform.
- It was suggested that the Finance Committee should investigate other options for people to donate and/or pay.
- It was also suggested to check out Apple Pay.

**Open Discussion:**

- Tom Howarth shared his experience as a 1966 graduate and member of the Class B Football Championship team. After Central he attended University of Connecticut and that he credits Central for his start in life.

**Next Meetings: December 8, 2025 (Annual Mtg) Elections**

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm on a motion from Diane Lana and seconded by Paul Dolan