

Central High School Alumni Association Providence

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2025

Call to Order/Welcome - Called to order at 5:43 pm

Present: Sharon Morris, Elaine Whited, Deb Nelson-Bush, Paul Dolan, Luis DelRio, Kobi Dennis, Gloria Johnson, Robert Nance, Reyna Symonds, April Samuels

Via Google Meet: Darlene Price, Tom Ausley, Vitaliano Figueora, Gail Davis, Deb Cockfield

Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025 minutes – The minutes were approved on a motion from Deb Nelson-Bush and seconded by Deb Cockfield

Secretary's Report – Elaine Whited

Elaine reported on the Executive Board Mtg held on to bring all the Executive Board Members up to date. She reported that the Hall of Fame Committee has been meeting and Tom will update all on that later in the mtg. Also discussed was Thanksgiving Food Drive as well as possibly picking a vendor to print T-shirts. She also reported on the Prepare RI Student she worked daily with commenting that he was extremely polite and professional. The student was able to update the GoDaddy website on their new platform and was able to develop a new Facebook and Instagram pages

Treasurer Report – Darlene Price, Treasurer reported on the activities of the Finance Committee which included a report on the student worker which was paid for by Prepare RI.

Darlene also spoke about each committee submitting their budgets.

Darlene reported the following activity in the checking account:

Previous Balance as of July 8, 2025 - \$22,400.24

Current Balance - \$18,285.64

General Fund	\$852.16
Scholarship Fund	\$14,601.08
Grant Fund	\$1,289.81
AHOF Fund	\$1,542.91
Thanksgiving Donation Fund	\$0.00

Committee Reports

Finance: (Chair, Darlene)

Deb Cockfield

See Above

Fundraising/Scholarship: (Chair, Elaine)

Fundraising- James, Rob, Elaine, Deb, Sharon

Elaine reported that we will be continuing to seek donations for the Thanksgiving Drive. More to follow in New Business below.

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

No action on the Scholarship Committee. Just a reminder that we accept donations for the Scholarship fund all year

Hall of Fame: (Chair, Tom)

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

Tom reported that Cranston Country Club was chosen as the venue to hold the Athletic Hall of Fame award ceremony and dinner. The date will be September 27, 2026. He reported that the committee meets every two weeks and has made great progress. The nomination forms have been completed and placed on the website. An email would be going out to the alumni members. He reported that we will also be seeking a Distinguished Alumni nomination. He also reported that we will be looking for businesses, etc to place ads in a booklet

Membership (Chair, James)

James, Robert, Elaine

No report given

Grant Committee:

Sharon is going to investigate leading the Grant Committee. She will also be reaching out to different student groups to see if there is any interested in receiving a grant and how the program works.

Old Business:

Student Scholarship:

Elaine reported that the two students receiving the \$1,000.00 have sent in their documentation and it has been verified. She will be submitting the request to Darlene to cut the checks. She also said that she has received the documentation from the student who will be receiving the first part of the \$10,000.00 scholarship but is waiting for the add/drop period to verify with the school that the student is a full-time student before requesting a check be cut.

Alumni T-Shirts:

Elaine reported that she called a couple of t-shirt vendors and that J&R Marketing came in with the lowest price. He can also do hats. Zobi Dennis mentioned that we should look into a vendor that we can add the ordering link on our website and the shirts can be ordered directly from the vendor and shipped to the persons home. This avoids storing the t-shirts, etc. Elaine said she would call J&R to see if they had this option.

Prepare RI Student:

As previously mentioned, the Prepare RI Student successfully updated our website on GoDaddy's new platform, added a donation button, etc. He also was able to apply for a non-profit account with Google for email, virtual meetings, etc. Christian also created a new Facebook and Instagram page.

New Business:**Thanksgiving Drive:**

Elaine reported that we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Drive to collect money to purchase gift cards from a local supermarket for student families to enjoy a thanksgiving dinner. She also said that she was in contact with Renee Walker and they like the idea of gift cards as they give them with the baskets they prepare. Once the drive closes, we will be in touch with the school to let them know how much was collected and if they want just gift cards or a combination of gift cards and a check to stock the food pantry. Sharon said we could begin collecting as of today. Once the flyer was completed, we will send out an email and post it on Facebook.

Elections:

It was reported that there is one Board seat up for election.

Two executive board positions are up for re-election: president, Sharon Morris and secretary, Elaine Whited

Also, two Board of Directors positions are expiring

Open Discussion:

Throughout the meeting, Sharon mentioned that if anyone was interested in joining one of the committees, they should email Elaine.

**Next Meetings: November 11, 2025 (No school) School is closed, decide on where to meet
December 8, 2025 (Annual Mtg) Elections**

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion from Elaine Whited and seconded by Deb Nelson-Bush