

Crown Point High School Alumni Association

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Meeting: Was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 18, 2026, by President Jay Robert Mayden

Meeting Location: 1050 S. Main St., Crown Point, IN 46307

12 Attendees: Executive Board Members: Jay R. Mayden, President; Deborah Graves Deaton, Vice President; Audrey Gonlag Persinger, Secretary; Teacher Rep.: Diane Hooks DePaoli; Board Members at-Large: Adam Graper, Carrie Mayden & Rocky Macias Davis; Lifetime Members: T.J. Wirtz, Kelly Foster & Scholarship Donor: Ken Witt; Scholarship Donors: Dr. Lisa Gold & Judi Mariola

Secretary's Report: February 25, 2026, minutes were read and reviewed with no corrections or additions. A motion was made by Diane DePaoli and seconded by Deborah Deaton to approve the minutes as written. None opposed

Treasurer's Report: Financials starting February 24, 2026, with a beginning balance of \$69,308.03 (total 3 accounts) through March 15, 2026, with an ending balance of \$78,702.18 (total 3 accounts) were read and reviewed. A motion was made by Rocky Davis and seconded by Deborah Deaton to approve the financial report as written. None Opposed

- Dayton Foundation Donor? Contact the Lees for information
- The Jerry Caravana "Cardinal" Scholarship and The Emert H. Graper Teaching Scholarship have excess funds to possibly increase 2027 scholarships

Vice President's Report:

- Million Dollar Challenge, a Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. event will be attended by D. Deaton & A. Persinger on March 31, 2026, at the Avalon Manor

President's Report:

- Distribute Scholarship Applications to review. Return to Jay Mayden by April 1, 2026
- CPHS Alumni Association Scholarship Growth:
 - 2021 - 6 Scholarships totaling \$10,750.00
 - 2022 - 6 Scholarships totaling \$13,750.00
 - 2023 - 6 Scholarships totaling \$15,000.00
 - 2024 - 16 Scholarships totaling \$26,150.00 (202 applications - a 143% increase since 2021)

2025 - 17 Scholarships totaling \$29,750.00 (210 applications - a 177% increase since 2021)

2026 - 23 Scholarships totaling \$50,500.00 (197 applications - a 370% increase since 2021 and a 70% increase since 2025)

- CPHS Alumni Association “Bulldog Evening of Stars” Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, April 25, 2026 @ The Design Barn, Hebron, IN
- CPHS Scholarship Awards Program, May 6, 2026 @ CPHS Gym at 6:00 p.m.
- Board Member Election April 15, 2026 @ the CP Community School Corp., 1050 S. Main St., Crown Point, IN at 6:00 p.m.
- Installment of new Board Members (2026-2028) on May 27, 2026, at the monthly meeting
- 2,000 website visitors in the last 30 days
- At Homecoming, info will be distributed to Parents, Grandparents and extended Adult Family

Bulldog Evening of Stars Report:

- Meet Alex at The Design Barn to finalize details
- 4/25/26 Arrival time to set up is 2:00 p.m. with event starting at 5:30 p.m.
- No assigned seating. If full tables are paid, a reserve sign will designate so
- Adhesive name labels will be available for guests to sign and wear
- Meal price the same as last year with two menu changes (chicken alfredo & butter and garlic new potatoes)
- Alex will need a final head count by 4/11/26
- Event time can be extended an extra hour for an added fee
- Silent Auction items to be finalized in the coming weeks (keep D. Deaton informed)
- 50/50 cash raffle this year
- J. Mayden will do the announcing for the evening
- T.J. Wirtz donated supplies for the 50/50 raffle
- No donations from Albanese Candy
- Explore options for custom baked, decorated & individually packaged cookies
- Gloria will lead the CPHS fight song
- Chester & Gloria will light the Memory Candles

Website & Database Report:

- Board Member Election information will be posted on the website
- R. Davis will need the names & phone numbers of Members collecting funds for the Silent Auction proceeds. The accounts will need to be set up prior to 4/25/26

Social Media Committee Report:

- Add Board Member Election information to the website

Membership Committee Report: Need a Committee Chair

Policy and Procedures: N/A

Class Reunion Committee Report:

- September 2026 Class of 1976 Reunion

CPHS All Class Reunion Report:

- July 31 – August 2, 2026, is the CPHS All Class Reunion Weekend
- Saturday, August 1, 2026, is the CPHS All Class Reunion Event at Bulldog Park, Crown Point, IN

Scholarship Committee Report:

- Scholarship application packets distributed for review. List top three
- Discuss the restructuring of the Crown Point Garden Club Scholarship and The Clarissa Anne Fuller Memorial Scholarship with the donors
- Scholarship award money goes directly to school attended

Grant Committee Report: N/A

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:09 p.m. Rocky Davis moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Diane DePaoli. None Opposed

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2025, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the CP Community School Corporation located at 1050 S. Main St., Crown Point, IN 46307

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Audrey Persinger