

St. Paul Central High School Foundation Annual Report for 2014

Introduction

Incorporated in 1986, the St. Paul Central High School Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to directly helping St. Paul Central High School students by financially supporting academic and co-curricular activities associated with the school.

The Foundation was established to address the following four goals:

1. To be a constructive influence at Central High School without being intrusive or without replacing normal school funding
2. To stimulate innovative programs designed to help assure that all Central High School students graduate
3. To incorporate community involvement to benefit both students and staff and
4. To provide alumni, parents and friends the opportunity to give financial assistance to graduating seniors who have been accepted to a post-secondary institution.

To date, the Foundation has focused its efforts primarily on the fourth goal, each year awarding post-secondary scholarships to deserving graduating Central High School seniors at Senior Awards Night in late May.

Accomplishments in 2014

- There were more individual donors than ever before - 147 individuals contributed to the Foundation in 2014, as compared to 43 in 2013
- Financial contributions increased moderately from 2013 and totalled \$25,495
- Seventeen scholarships were awarded for a total of \$21,000:
 - 12 Foundation Scholarships, each for \$1,000;
 - one \$3,000 Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship;
 - one \$1,000 Nora Longley Scholarship;
 - two Janisch Scholarships, each for \$1,000 and
 - three Heiruspecs Scholarships, each for \$1,000.
- Work continued on formalizing the Board structure and roles
- The Board began using Google Drive to share documents and made moderate updates to the website
- For 2015 the committee chairs are as follows:
 - Scholarship Committee - Wendy Lutter
 - Board Development - Jean Peterson
 - Fundraising - Andy Goldman-Gray
- \$4,035 was earned on "Give to the Max Day" in 2014, as compared to \$710 in 2013
 - The total includes a "Golden Ticket" worth \$2,000 that was won by chance in a drawing
- The Board discussed taking on oversight of the Central Hall of Fame. Discussions are ongoing.
- Inquiries from donors regarding named scholarships revealed that the Board will need to explore options for potentially large donations and endowment-building in the coming years
- The Board had a strong recruiting year, with 5 new members joining the Board
- Thank you to Wellington Management for hosting the Board meetings in 2014
- The Board was saddened by the death of long-term and beloved Board Member Andy Boss
- The Board celebrated the service of long time Board members Howard and Betsy Guthmann and Kathy Wellington who retired from service at the October Board meeting. They will be missed!
- Board member Ying Lee resigned due to family and professional commitments
- The Board consciously increased Foundation visibility through:
 - Partnership with the Transforming Central initiative

- o Presence at several Central High events
- The Board began preparations for the 2016 sesquicentennial celebration and fundraising campaign
- The Board gathered for a BBQ and social evening at the home of Board member Zack Steven to welcome new members.
- Notable donation activity:
 - o The class of 1952 contributed the balance of their 60th reunion proceeds
 - o The class of 1954 created a designated fund with their 60th reunion proceeds
 - o Gifts were received in memory of former Board member W. Andy Boss
 - o A gift was given in memory of Murray L. Johnson, teacher at Central from 1955-65
 - o Gifts were received in honor of retiring Board members Howard and Betsy Guthmann and Kathy Wellington
 - o A new scholarship fund was established in memory of Thomas Rohricht
- The Foundation database was enriched with many new names and email addresses.
- The Board decided to partner with Harris Direct again on the publishing of a Central Directory, in exchange for having access to the resulting updated data.

2015 St. Paul Central High School Foundation Board of Directors

Zack Steven, President '91

Trevor Throntveit, Secretary, '01

Jean Peterson, Vice President, p '96 p '00 p '12

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Wendy Lutter '85

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(Report prepared by Zack Steven, President, 1/31/2015)

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