

St. Paul Central High School Foundation Annual Report for 2015

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 2015

In 2015 the Foundation continued to build on recent success with scholarships, fundraising, board development and operations. The stage is set for continued growth in 2016, Central's sesquicentennial year. 2015 highlights include:

Scholarships

- Twenty one (21) scholarships were awarded for a total of \$26,000:
 - 12 Foundation Scholarships, each for \$1,000;
 - one \$3,000 Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship;
 - one \$1,000 Nora Longley Scholarship;
 - two \$1,000 Janisch Scholarships;
 - three Heiruspecs Scholarships, each for \$1,000, and
 - two Rohricht Scholarships of \$2,500
- The Board hosted a breakfast for the 2015 scholarship recipients on May 27 at Central. A first!
- \$1,000 was contributed to the Principal's Fund, which had lost funding from Target

Fundraising

- Financial contributions totalled \$37,900, an increase of 49% compared to \$25,495 in 2014
- The average contribution rose from \$173 in 2014 to \$324 in 2015
- 117 individuals contributed to the Foundation in 2015, as compared to 147 in 2014
- We received 7 contributions of \$1,000 or more
- \$5,490 in contributions were received on "Give to the Max Day" in 2015, as compared to \$2,035 in 2014
- The annual Hall of Fame member appeal brought in \$2,375 thanks to initiative taken by Board member Wendy Lutter and her mother, Hall of Fame member Judy Mahle Lutter.
- We sent a "Back-to-School" appeal letter in the fall for the first time
- 100% of the Board made a financial contribution to the Foundation

Board Development

- We welcomed two new Board members:
 - Oulia (Dia) Yang, former guidance counselor at Central
 - Sabah Husain '10

- Board member Alex Cook was elected to the role of Assistant Treasurer
- The Board recognized the lasting contributions of long time Board members Howard and Betsy Guthmann and Kathy Wellington by unanimously electing them Honorary Board Members
- The Executive Committee began meeting Quarterly in advance of the Board meetings
- For 2015 the committee chairs were as follows:
 - Scholarship Committee - Wendy Lutter
 - Board Development - Jean Peterson
 - Fundraising - Jean O'Connell
- The Board is considering inviting another parent to join
- The Board gathered for a summer meeting and social evening at the home of Board member Jean Peterson to welcome new members and strengthen connections

Operations

- The Board increased Foundation visibility through continued partnership with Transforming Central
- The Board continued preparations for the 2016 sesquicentennial celebration and fundraising campaign
- The Board coordinated an update of the Central High School alumni directory by Harris
- Banking was consolidated at Wells Fargo and an online savings account was established
- The Foundation website was updated with a new design and fresh content
- The Foundation website saw record traffic - 1,181 visitors (compared to 739 in 2014)
- The Foundation database was enriched with many new names and email addresses.

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

Jean O'Connell, Treasurer, '70

Andy Goldman-Gray '90

Merone Melekin '10

Alex Cook '99, Assistant Treasurer

Melinda Donaway (Coffee) '01

Jackie Cooper '69

Wendy Lutter '85

Sabah Husain '10

Oulia Yang

Honorary Members

Rod Lawson, '36

Dick Magraw, '36

Howard Guthmann, '40

Betsy Guthmann '46

Kathy Wellington, p '99 p '01

Mary Mackbee, Ex-officio

(Report prepared by Zack Steven, President, 1/25/2016)

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