

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

The April meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on April 8, 2021, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy made a motion to accept the approved February minutes. Lucy Bottorf made a motion to accept the approved minutes. Judy Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Buffy gave the treasurer's report. \$2.19 were disbursed for paypal fees. There was a \$400 deposit into the Frizzell scholarship from Eddie Gillette and Leslie Fore gave \$65.00 toward the brick fundraiser. The total balance is \$26,429.43 with an available balance of \$23,453.33. Heather Randolph made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Preston Fore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Covid-19: Schools are operating in Phase 3, with all in person students attending on campus 5 days per week. All individuals on campus are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing.

Central's current enrollment remains at 768. Approximately 500 students continue at home learning this term and the other students are scheduled for in person learning. During all in-person learning we are serving approximately 265 students in person.

Academics: Student Success Labs launched after school Tue-Thurs 2:30 – 4:30 are going well

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor Athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the spring sports season. Schedules are posted on the school web site chs.hcde.org

Many updates to our website including a tab for upcoming freshmen to select classes now and current CHS students to make class selections for next school year

Wrestling update: Buffy presented alumni gifts to our state winners at our Awards Day Program

Baseball: no update

Softball: no update

Track: no update

Soccer: no update

Tennis: no update

Arts: no update

JROTC: April 29 1:00 JROTC Awards

Quarter 4 began March 15

Final Benchmark test results are soon to be released

April 1 Academic Awards was successfully held in our gym, our first school day event in a year

A prom decision will be finalized this week, little interest at this point with COVID restrictions in place

April 29 JROTC Awards 1:00

May 14 Senior Day 9:30 Class Night 6:30

EOC test are scheduled for May 6-13

May 18 Graduation 7:00 p.m.

Our stadium is being used by the Middle school on May 24 for their 8th grade promotion and again on May 26th for two elementary 5th grade promotions

Title 1 preliminary budget for SY 21-22 indicates a slight decrease from this year. The SLT will discuss budget allocation on April 14 at our monthly meeting. We are recommending that we continue to allocate funds in the same way as this year. The majority of those funds are used to provide the services of our Academic Instructional Coach and our after school tutors.

Lucy asked how the at home learners were doing. Mr. I said some are making progress while others have chosen not to do much. Mr. I said all students will be back at school next year. If they choose to learn from home they will be enrolled in virtual school.

Buffy commented on how impressed she was with the after school tutoring program. Mr. I said they hope to keep the program running through next school year.

Student Officer's Report

Sarah Katheron said the counselors had sent emails out to students to sign up for classes. It should be finalized after spring break. The Ruriteen Club did their card project and will mail them after spring break. She asked for more addresses because she had not received many and wanted to send more out.

Old Business

Lucy reported for the scholarship committee. She asked Mr. I about the ACT scores being so low. He thinks the pandemic and students being home affected this. He feels there wasn't a lot of enthusiasm this year and that they weren't as focused as they were in the past. She said there were only 16 applicants this year. He said there were at least 30 students with a score over 21. He said the response rates were low among students this year. Many that are at home aren't as engaged as we like them to be. Katheron Latham said some students who already were receiving scholarships felt they shouldn't apply because they wanted others to be able to get a scholarship. Lucy said they were a couple days away from making the final decisions. Barney Ottinger said he found this to be the most difficult year to match up scholarships with students/applicants. As a committee he feels the parameters had to be loosened some to make everything fit. He said it was a tough year. Lucy said the standards of the requirements have not been lowered. There was some give and take but the goal of the committee remains to keep the standards.

Barney asked if there were ACT prep classes offered. Mr. I said this year there was nothing like that offered. Lucy asked Preston and Jared how much emphasis was put on the ACT vs GPA when they were being accepted to their universities. Preston said that it was more about what you have done rather than test scores. He feels your impact on your school is of more importance. Jared feels that because of the Hope scholarship test scores were extremely important. He feels like a prep class is important to help with the test. Lucy asked Preston if he thinks the scholarship committee should start looking at the activities the students are involved in. Preston said yes, because admissions offices are looking at a student holistically and what the student will bring to the university. Barney stated that the information is on the application now. He also feels the essays give useful information towards this as well. He said that most of the scholarships require a 3.0 but does not preclude them from weighing the extracurricular activities on the applications. He feels all the information is there and they can adjust to what they need to in order to give scholarships to students based on the expectations today.

John Crawford said college coaches ask three questions about student-athletes. 1) What is their gpa in their core classes? 2) What is their test score? 3) What kind of kid is he/she? Jared stated the essay in any scholarship or college application has become more and more important. He said they're looking for leadership and the unique abilities you will bring to them. Buffy gave kudos to Lucy for keeping the committee going even when she wasn't feeling well.

Barney reported on the DAHOF. He said they were ready and all the recipients had been notified. Buffy asked for assistance from Barney in contacting the four living inductees and verifying whether they would be in attendance at the presentation. Buffy said she would take care of the rest of what needed to be done to get ready for the presentation. She will have the mugs engraved again and is working on the Bios. Mrs. Fry will be working with Katheron on her bio. Buffy will get with Tara Waldrop on writing a press release and will get with Coach Crawford on the SHOF. Buffy showed everyone the trophy she made with her 3-D printer. Barney and

the entire group loved the trophy and are looking forward to using them. Hopefully, one of the STEM classes will be printing them in the future. Buffy hopes to have 30 available to get us through all of our presentations. This includes the SHOF. Buffy asked Lucy and Barney for a list of presenters.

Preston reported on the brick fundraiser. He said there were 15 bricks waiting to be ordered on the site. He asked if an email blast had been sent out. Lucy said there was one sent out but the information to order was not on it. She said Laurie was working on the flyer to send out. Buffy said she sent out information on the social media sites this past week. Vivian Pettigrew would like for someone to attend her class reunion in August and sell bricks. The Class of '76 will be having a reunion soon and Buffy said she and someone else can go on a "Brick Tour" this summer to sell the bricks. She thanked Preston for all his work.

Coach Crawford asked if the DAHOF was on class night. Buffy confirmed this.

Heather said we needed to make sure we get the information about bricks to the seniors before graduation comes up. Buffy and Mr. I plan to meet Monday and work on this.

Buffy said she was impressed with the number of students from all 4 grade levels who were presented certificates on Awards Day. She gave praise to Mr. I and the staff at Central for doing a great job.

New Business

Buffy and Jerry Summers met with the Community Foundation via Zoom. All 12 scholarships have a complete set of documents and the scholarship committee has them. It was a great meeting and Buffy feels good about going forward.

Buffy asked if a date had been set for the SHOF. Coach Crawford said he sent out letters to inform the Class of '20 that they would be inducted with the Class of '21. The committee hasn't met. Mr. I and Coach Jones need to help select the date due to the football schedule. He asked if an email blast could be sent out regarding the Class of '20. The Class of '20 has not been publicly announced. Buffy asked if a press release could be done announcing the Class of '20. Barney said it would be great to get pictures and bios in the paper. Coach Crawford said that we haven't done anything due to Covid-19 and in the past Tara has taken care of the press release. He said he would get together with Tara and they would get information to Lucy so she can send out an email blast. Coach Crawford asked Heather when she thought Tara would be available. Heather said she would speak with her and have her get in touch with Coach Crawford.

Miscellaneous

Buffy suggested we meet a week early next month due to the date we are supposed to meet will be the night before Senior Day and Class Night. She made a motion to move the meeting to May 6, 2021. Multiple attendees seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Buffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next alumni meeting on May 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

John Crawford

Jared Eddy

Preston Fore

Admiral Vance Fry

Charlene Fry

Naomi Hay

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips