

Chattanooga Central High School
Alumni Association
April 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Lee McDade was introduced as a new attendee. He is the current interim principal. He is a Tyner High School graduate. In his career, he has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and recently retired last June as the Assistant Superintendent. Lucy stated that the Association received 27 applications for scholarships this year. Introductions were made around the room.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. There was a correction to the minutes. Dayonna Carson was awarded the trip to the conference at Valley Forge, PA this year, not last year. Jake Johns corrected the price of the tickets to the presentation by the CHS Drama Club on April 12th and 13th, will actually be \$6.00 and not \$5.00 as previously noted. A motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Tara Waldrop. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed. A motion to accept the minutes as written with corrections was made by Tara. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop stated there was a fund balance of \$15,440.90. There was a deposit in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Jason Frizzell Memorial Scholarship. Tara will bring an updated report for April to the next meeting. Another month was printed and distributed by mistake. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Buffy. Martha Fay Blabon seconded. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Steve Lewis and Lee McDade presented the principal's report. This is Mr. McDade's first alumni meeting as interim principal. Dates to keep in mind are as follows: April 15- End of Course testing; April 18- Class Awards Day; April 27 – Junior/Senior Prom; May 9 – Senior Day; May 10 – Class Day; May 14 – Graduation Day (6pm @UTC McKenzie Arena); May 24 – Last day of school.

The fence toppers for the girls' softball team have been ordered and the portable sound system for the choir department has been ordered and will be delivered on May 19th.

Mr. Lewis said we won the bid for the 200 stadium seats from the Nashville Sounds in the amount of \$2,000.00! They are here and will be sandblasted and painted. Coach Carter is getting bids for the sandblasting and painting to be done on-site. The baseball team funds paid for these seats. Barney Ottinger made a motion to give \$750.00 toward the cost of the seats. Martha Fay seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy mentioned "selling" seats for a \$50 donation and name plates could be attached for those who purchased seats. This would help fund the seats as well as pay for the reconditioning of them. Several members of the Alumni Association agreed to purchase a seat and agreed this would be a great idea. Lucy wrote a personal check in the amount of \$250.00 to the baseball team, which makes the total amount of funding for the seats \$1,000.00.

Central has a new basketball coach this year! Kantonio Davis will be leading the team. This will be announced to the students on Friday, April 12th. Coach Davis is moving to Chattanooga from Alabama with a great record and great knowledge of the game. He was interested in the position and contacted the school to inquire. He has received the "Coach of the Year" award for 4 years. He has been in the position of Athletic Director as well. He believes that building relationships is a priority. Welcome Coach Davis!

STUDENT OFFICERS REPORT

Destiny Smith, sophomore class president, stated they are planning a field day for their class. This would be an all-day event with food, games, etc. They are also continuing with their board to honor exemplary behavior and academics.

Dayonna Carson, junior class president, said she is planning a field trip for her class. They are also preparing for State testing. They just got the ACT scores back and everyone did well. They will have another opportunity to take the ACT again over the summer.

Jake Johns, graduating senior, stated the drama club students are prepping for their play, Almost, Maine. He is excited and sad about his upcoming graduation. Preston, Matthew, and Jake won the CHS Digest Advisor's Award. Jake will be headed to UT for orientation next month.

Preston Fore has been accepted to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has raised \$1,900.00 for the trip to the New York Times and is still fundraising through Go Fund Me for anyone that wants to donate.

OLD BUSINESS

Lucy said the invitations have been mailed out for the Distinguished Hall of Fame Alumni Reception, to be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6pm. Buffy announced that the front lobby of the school will be used for the reception this year. There will be 10 tables, seating 10 people each. The deadline to order food will be the week before the event.

Tara stated that she will be in Europe for two (2) weeks and will turn the checkbook over to Buffy. Judy will give the post office box key to Buffy so she may check for RSVP's to the reception. The committee will meet after the meeting tonight to set a date to discuss preparations for the reception.

Buffy gave an update on the 50th on 58 Reunion. The event will take place Saturday, September 21st at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center Downtown. Approximate ticket prices will range from \$60.00 - \$80.00. Wristbands will be sold to those over 21 years of age. There will be security at the event. The committee will put out a press release and email blast. Some members of the Alumni Association aren't comfortable with the sale of alcohol at the event because the graduating class of 2019 will be invited to attend. Buffy stated that she does not oversee this event and although she made the committee aware of the concerns of the Alumni Association, she has little authority over the matter. She said that she will invite the Rev. Sterling Jetton to the next Alumni Meeting to address any concerns since he is the head of this committee. A motion was made by Martha Fay to note that the Association is not supportive of the sale of alcohol at any event in which the Alumni Association is a benefactor. John Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John Crawford mentioned that the Connie Hay Classic Golf Tournament will be held on June 8th at The Bear Trace. Registration begins at 7am. Gary Woodall is the contact this year (423-309-1734). It is \$125 per player and \$500 for a team. Hole sponsors are \$50. We will need volunteers for the event.

Barney stated the Alumni golf tournament will be held on September 21st at 8am at The Bear Trace. The brochure is already finished. There will be a 7am breakfast. Please start collecting door prizes for the event. Instead of goodie bags this year, we are going to give the players a \$10 refund on the price of their cost to play when they sign in.

Jordan Guess Scholarship committee has decided to award two (2) students with a scholarship this year. Jake interviewed for that scholarship this year.

Tara said that the Jason Frizzell Memorial Scholarship funded by the Class of 1988, has acquired \$1,600.00 so far. They will be awarding \$1000.00 each year and will purchase a plaque for the school. They would like to see teachers pick a student who has had a real impact on their peers and someone who forges significant relationships with fellow students. This is not to be an academic-based scholarship, but solely to honor the memory of Jason Frizzell and the impact he still has on the Class of 1988 today.

Lucy says there is now a PayPal sponsored donation link on the website. It can be used for any type of donation. We are still looking for a replacement webmaster to take over the Alumni website.

Lucy reminded everyone the date for the Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) dinner will be September 20th, 2019. Jerry Summers wants to move forward with the Legends Hall of Fame honor category.

The Alumni Association's annual report has been filed and paid for the year.

There isn't an update at this time about the 50th year logo the Association would like painted on the field. Coach Jones will be asked if this is possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Barney deferred the discussion about the Hall of Fame applications and other applications to an upcoming meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Buffy announced the passing of Shirley Sewell Perry, Class of 1950. She was the first Homecoming Queen for Central High. Ralph Hixson also passed recently.

Jake wanted to thank the Alumni Association members for all of their support over the years.

Martha Fay made a motion to skip the May 9th alumni meeting due to all the events taking place that week. Tara seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn. Martha Fay seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson
Secretary

List of Attendees

Zach Butler	Kelly Robinson	Lucy Bottorff	Preston Fore	Jake Johns
Dayonna Carson	Zoey Greene	Tara Waldrop	Pam Miller	Barney Ottinger
John Crawford	Lee McDade	Judy Phillips	Naomi Hay	Dick Blabon
Martha Faye Blabon	Buffy Hoge	Steve Lewis	Kantonio Davis	Erin Bell
Destiny Smith	Brielle Farrow	Michelle Cochran	Vivian Pettigrew	