

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020

The August meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on August 13, 2020, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked everyone to review the July minutes. Judy Phillips made a motion to accept the approved minutes. James Walker seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop prepared the treasurer's report and James read the report for her. There were \$6,000 total deposits and \$6,056 total debits. As of 8/12/20 the total balance is \$26,529.89. The total available balance is \$18,953.79. John Crawford made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Heather Randolph seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

The remainder of July was spent preparing for the re-opening of school. Many operational decisions had to be made and adjustments to our regular operating procedures had to be implemented. After much planning and work Central High was ready to re-open.

Registration times were held on Aug. 6, Aug. 7 and Aug. 10.

Staff has been consistently available to serve our Central high families.

Covid-19: Schools open on a Hybrid model serving students both in-person and at home.

Central's current enrollment is 810. Approximately 400 students will be doing at home learning this term and the other students will be doing in person learning. We are currently on a Hybrid A/B day enrollment schedule with about 200 students attending at a time. They had approximately 160 the first day and 130 the second day. This system will remain through August. Phase 3 should begin after this.

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 was the first day of classes for our A group (we call it our purple group) students whose last names begin with letters A-L. Although, we experienced some

issues with students at home accessing virtual classes the overall experience from the day was positive.

Thursday, August 13, will group B day. Last names M-Z. (we call this our Gold group)

The superintendent spent a lot of time on opening day at Central and tweeted about his time there and what a success it was.

Several families reached out about what a positive start to the year their child had.

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor athletics. Currently we are on schedule for the fall sport season. Fans at football will be at $\frac{1}{3}$ capacity, social distancing protocols, temperatures taken upon entering and concessions must sell pre-packaged food.

Buffy asked about the schedule. They went back to the block schedule and Mr. I said that it was to alleviate some of the pressure due to the new protocols. The students will have 4 classes each semester. Freshmen will need 28 credits, Sophomores 27, Juniors 26 and Seniors 25 for seniors to graduate. Classes are 85 minutes. From 10:20 to 11:20 is the skinny period for extra academic support and lunch.

Judy asked if the students who chose virtual are getting taught from a teacher at school. Mr. I said that all staff are at school teaching live daily. Everything is in real time.

Tara asked if Mr. I foresaw them going back on the football requirements etc. due to the numbers rising and the recent announcements from Governor Lee. Mr. I stated that it was just a case by case and school by school situation. He also said if someone close by tested positive it could cause a short term closure.

Lucy Bottorff asked how attendance was being monitored. Mr. I said attendance was being taken in person as well as with the virtual student.

Old Business

Buffy stated that the facilities requirements set by the district didn't allow for us to have the Sports Hall of Fame in three weeks. She said it was her opinion that we postpone the event until the Spring. Heather stated we weren't ready to do it on the original date and that we are in unprecedented times and it just is what it is. She said a lot of work has gone into it but we had to do what we had to do. James agreed and said we are asking a lot of people to commit to something that still has a lot of unknowns. Tara agreed and Mr. I said we are thinking realistically and we need to consider all those involved and their health. He said the school will support a Spring event. Lucy asked if the honorees have been notified and Buffy clarified that they haven't been notified of the date. The inductees have been notified they are being inducted and understand the situation and realize that the ceremony will probably not take place this fall. Letters went out on July 31st. Zoe asked if the Central Digest could write a report on the inductees and Coach Crawford asked if the bios could go on the website. Tara made a

suggestion that Barney send her the information on the DAHOF as well and she will send the press release to the Digest on both. Lucy made a motion to move the SHOF and the DAHOF to the Spring and a date TBD later. Barney Ottinger seconded. The motion passed.

Tara said in two weeks she could send a press release. Lucy asked why we would announce it when it wouldn't be until Spring. Judy said that it needed to be out there by the end of August. Buffy said we will send it out again as soon as we had a date. Coach Crawford will go on the radio and another press release will be sent when the date gets closer. Tara will send a copy of the press release to Coach Crawford, Barney and Buffy. Lucy asked when a mass email could be sent out and it was stated that when the press release was sent out.

Coach Crawford expressed his appreciation to Barney and the Alumni Association for the dryer and he stated that all the coaches in the building knew it was there. Due to Covid-19 the teams have to wash everyday. Mr. I said that it was a very timely and appreciated gift. Coach Crawford asked about the old dryer that was left and Barney let him know that the head coach had a guy that was supposed to be coming and picking it up for scrap metal. Coach Crawford said he would touch base with him tomorrow.

Buffy reported on the piano lab. The Fry's stepped up and challenged the alumni association 2 to 1 to go ahead and purchase the entire lab (16 student pianos, 1 teacher piano). She asked the alumni association to give \$1000 to match the Fry's \$2000. Tara made a motion to give the \$1000 and James seconded. Motion passed. Mr. I said the superintendent was very impressed with the lab and with the support of the alumni association. The students were also very excited...3 students are actually taking piano online.

State wrestling jackets will be picked up tomorrow. Buffy asked Coach Crawford to see if there was a time during football season during a game to present. James said he would get with Mr. Lewis and the wrestling coach to set up a date. Coach Crawford suggested Sept 4th which was the original SHOF date.

James commented on the piano lab and said it was one of the greatest things he had ever seen happen at Central High School and in our community. Coach Crawford and Buffy agreed. Mrs. Fry stated that we have a jewel in Mrs. Latham and that they are thrilled to be able to work with her. Buffy said she had definitely sparked the Fine Arts program. Mrs. Fry also gave a shout out to Mr. I and Buffy for the work and support given.

The Connie Hay Golf tournament was a great community event. Alumni showed up, helped out and made donations. They took lots of notes on how things needed to be done due to the circumstances we are facing. This will help with the Alumni Golf Tournament. James said it was unreal how well it went and that it was a group, Central effort. It was a perfect example of what Mr. Hay wanted the tournament to be. Judy commented that she came to the tournament to see how things would be done and she was impressed. Gary Woodall took over the tournament officially a couple of years ago and has to be given a lot of credit. Mrs. Hay and her

family were there as well as Mr. I and several other alumni. It was a day to be proud of. Lucy asked who the corporate sponsor was and he replied that it was Moses water sports.

The alumni golf tournament flyer will go to the press in the next few days. An electronic copy can be put on the website. Waffle House will do the food and James will work with We've Got Spirit on trophies. Sponsors and teams are being worked on. Tara asked for a flyer to do a media release and Lucy asked for a color flyer to send out in an email blast. An alumni member will sponsor the hole in one contest again this year. James explained that an insurance policy was taken out and if anyone made the hole in one they would receive \$5000 and the alumni would receive \$5000. Judy said there will be a putting contest. Barney said the distance had been increased from 25ft to 30 ft and it is \$5, win \$50 and the pot is capped at \$200. Tara said someone needed to speak to Davey Davis about being a corporate sponsor. Coach Crawford said we needed to check with the golf course about the holes in the putting green because they had taken them all out. Barney will check on this tomorrow. Barney said on the long drive and closest to pin there will be 2 winners \$50 each. Buffy said we all needed to be looking for door prizes. Judy said she will handle door prizes. Heather said she would be in charge of ice. Tara asked that when James sends the flyer to her to make sure the contact information is there on who will be available to talk to the media.

The Alumni Association website is now active. Buffy needs to get in touch with Preston Fore because she has had a few problems posting the minutes. Other than that she said it looks great and we need to start advertising on it. Tara asked if the email had been switched over to Buffy yet and said she would help her with setting up a new one. The email on the website needs to be changed to Buffy's.

New Business

Keep in mind any fundraising ideas. We are going to be looking into the cookbook idea that Tara suggested. Buffy also showed refrigerator magnets that Tara's friend is selling and suggested we buy a few sets and resell them. The set is a Central Pounder set. The cost is \$10 a set. She will do a class set and the cost is \$11.50. Tara stated that she can do all kinds of magnet sets. Lucy asked how many would we have to order and Tara said she believes she will do as many sets as we want. Tara said she would show her some examples at another time.

Buffy asked if anyone had any fundraising ideas to bring it to the meeting because we needed to keep the funds coming in.

Finley King is with his sister and brother-in-law. His brother-in-law is in rehab from his leg amputation but they are both recovering from Covid. He said he has felt his Pounder families prayers.

Lucy asked to hear from Zoey and how her year has started. Zoey said she is a Senior this year and said she went into the year with a pessimistic attitude and said it actually hasn't been that bad. She says it ran smoothly and she actually gets to sleep in because one of her online classes hasn't started yet. She said AP is going well and she said you can tell that a lot of effort has been put into the start of school. She said it's going to turn into a great year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Next alumni meeting on September 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff
Mrs. Cochran
John Crawford
Admiral Vance Fry
Mrs. Charlene Fry
Zoey Greene
Mrs. Hay
Buffy Hoge
Mr. I
Barney Ottinger
Judy Phillips
Heather Randolph
Tara Waldrop
James Walker