

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022

The August meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on August 11, 2022 in the library and online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked for a motion to accept the approved July minutes. Barney Ottinger made a motion to accept the approved July minutes. Judy Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. There was \$1,100 in deposits this month and \$394.70 in debits. The total balance is \$26,032.37 with a total available balance of \$23,382.37. Martha Faye Blabon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Naomi Hay seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Mr. I thanked the Alumni Board and Association for the beautiful plant and kind words of encouragement during the loss of his mom on July 21.

All summer school programs concluded successfully.

The last two weeks of July were spent preparing for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. CHS was host to several district training days, including sessions for all district principals.

Early student registration went well with more than ½ our families completing registration on-online. This saved a lot of time during on-campus registration that was successfully held on Friday, August 8. Anticipated enrollment approximately 775.

Our annual Title 1 Open house and orientation was successfully held on Monday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Students first day is Wednesday, August 10th. It has been a great first 2 days.

Football Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 at Finley Stadium. 6:00 & 7:00 are scrimmage times.

JROTC has a white water excursion planned for August 28th.

Fall school picture days are scheduled for August 31st. and September 1st.

September 2nd Jr. and Sr. petitions are due for class officers. Elected officers are encouraged to join the alumni meetings as we strive to strengthen a connection between the past and present.

Our first pep rally is scheduled for Friday, September 2nd to coincide with our first home football game. (our first two games are away games at Campbell and Franklin counties)

Our first school holiday is Labor Day, Monday September 5th.

Wednesday, September 7th is a ½ day for students. Teachers/staff will be planning in the afternoon.

Mr. I stated that they have had a tremendous and positive start to the school year. Each testing area they saw an increase in scores. Right now we have 780 students. We had an 85.3% graduation rate. He said to be watching for good news coming from district scores.

Student Officer's Report

Sarah Katheron Latham reported that students are adjusting to the new dress code and schedule and that the first two days of school were good. Central is following an A/B schedule this year. On Monday they attend all classes for 40 min. On Tuesday & Thursday they attend 4 classes for 80 min and on Wednesday and Friday they attend 4 classes for 80 min.

Athletic Director Report

Steve Lewis, athletic director, was in attendance and informed the group that he is excited about the football season and that all other athletic programs are doing great. He expressed immense confidence in the coaching staff at Central and said that athletes at other schools in the county want to come to Central because we have such great coaches.

There is a need for a portable AED (Automated External Defibrillator). We are required by TSSAA to have one. They have received a \$350 grant to offset the expense but \$1000 is still needed to purchase a new one. Barney made a motion to give the \$1000 needed to purchase the AED. Martha Faye seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Barney stated that he is also working on getting an AED donated for the school.

The coaches have a committee and meet once a month before school in the library. All head coaches are in attendance and the current needs etc. are discussed. Starting next school year Central will have seasonal banquets instead of individual team/sport banquets.

There is still no information on the lights and bleachers for the track. Commissioner Steve Highlander and School Board Member Gary Kuehn are pushing for this.

Steve also gave us his 5, 7, and 10 year plan for athletics, specifically football. He foresees a State FB Championship in our near future.

Old Business

Barney reported that the IRS hasn't answered any of his phone calls. It could be 4-6 months according to on-line information before we have any information on our 501c3 tax status. Due to this the Fry's will write a check to the school out of a private account for their scholarship.

Tara reminded the group that the Fry's still have \$1,100 from a scholarship that should have been claimed 2 years ago by William "Alexander" White. If we can locate him we will let the Fry's make the decision on what to do. Buffy stated that they are still trying to get in touch with Maurice Williams to claim the Hoge Family Scholarship.

Barney reported that they hope to start installing bricks next week. The location of where the bricks will go has been moved closer to the front doors of the school. There has been 1 more brick purchased but we will wait to order until we get more. Tara will send in the fundraiser request form.

James Walker will email an assignment list for the golf tournament to the group. This will include food pick up, trophies (Buffy), cooking food (QB club), mailing letters to past sponsors (Judy) and many more tasks.

We have 4 total teams signed up for the golf tournament. Mr. Bacon has a \$500 donation check in the mail and Bobby Hudgens is giving a \$150 donation check to John Crawford. Tara informed the group she will be gone for 10 days and any needs should be given to her by next Wednesday.

Heather Randolph will get ice from the school and will get with Steve Lewis to coordinate. She will also talk with James Walker about getting coffee and donuts donated from Dunkin Donuts again this year. Barney will get Hole-In-One and Putting Contest information out to Tara and she will be responsible for making the phone call to report if there is a winner.

Heather and Tara will ask their daddy, Mike Randolph to drive the beverage cart again this year. Katheron Latham will ask her husband, Chad, if he can take pictures again this year. Everyone needs to bring a case of water. Registration is at 7:00. A fundraiser form needs to be filled out.

Buffy said we need pictures of all of the SHOF inductees. She will get with John Crawford to get the pictures. Judy gave a quote from Rib & Loin for the BBQ dinner. Barney made a motion to use Rib & Loin again this year. Martha Faye seconded. The motion passed. Buffy said she has the anvils ready and she will bring the balloons. John will get with Brian Smith and make sure he is still going to emcee the event. The group agreed that the night would follow this schedule: sit, pray, eat present inductees.

New Business

Buffy thanked Lucy Bottorff for her years of hard work on the scholarship committee and stated that we hope she continues in the alumni association.

Buffy made a motion to change the scholarship application to show that ACT composite scores will be verified when applying. Judy Phillips seconded. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Thank you notes were received from Katheron for helping her attend the TN Arts Academy and from the Positivity Club for helping them purchase a printer and shirts. Blake Chambers sent a thank you for the Summers Family scholarship he received. The CDC class sent a thank you for supporting their CDC Prom.

The VEC has given Katheron Latham two grants in the amounts of \$300 & \$500.

Katheron said that the Ruriteen Club wants to remove the trees out front in the planters and possibly put new trees in and landscape. They are going to ask Ooltewah Nursery for a discount. She said that Bayside Baptist Church has a Serve Day coming up in October and they will help with this as well. The Ruriteen Club will also write a VEC grant in hopes of receiving more money for the project. Barney suggested that they could put signs up of who donated as an incentive to businesses to donate.

Barney said we need to grow the alumni and we could hand out cards inviting people to join at the 1st football game. He also asked if we could pay an individual or a class to get bios on the DAHOF & SHOF inductees. Tara suggested that each bio have a QR code. Steve said that the writer's club could do this. Barney said he could get the printing done at Advantage.

Next alumni meeting is on September 8th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and there will be a Zoom link for those that cannot attend in person.

Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Naomi seconded. Motion passed.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Martha Faye Blabon

Admiral Fry

Mrs. Fry

Naomi Hay

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Steve Lewis

Barney Ottinger

Vivian Pettigrew

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Tara Waldrop