

# Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

The February meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on February 11, 2021, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

## **Acceptance of Minutes**

Buffy made a motion to accept the approved January minutes. Judy Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. James Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Tara Waldrop presented the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$25,931.29. Two scholarships were distributed in the amount of \$2,500.00. There was a correction on the Hoge scholarship and there was still money left. \$1,000 of this was distributed to the Stewart student. One deposit was via paypal from Ms. Crittenden for a brick. It cost us \$2.19 for this transaction. Only one scholarship hasn't been distributed for the Frizell scholarship and will be reflected on next month's report. Buffy asked about the paypal fee and Tara explained that it is a percentage each transfer. Tara said it is more convenient for people to use paypal than to put a check in the mail. James said he had a check from Dave Owen and had reached back out to Ryan about his check from the golf tournament. He asked if we had received anything from Brian Babb or Brandon Farrow. John Crawford said he spoke with Brandon and he was supposed to have sent a check. Buffy is going to check and see if it's there. Buffy stated that we received a check from Judy and the Fry scholarships in the mail and will show up next month on the financial report. Buffy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Heather Randolph seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Principal's Report**

Covid-19: High Schools have been operating on a hybrid schedule. Students report 2 days per week based on their last name. Every Tuesday the school district's COVID task-force reviews the data and makes the determination for the coming week. All individuals on campus are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing. Teachers are currently working 5 days per week on campus. Beginning Monday students will report 5 days a week.

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

Central's current enrollment remains at 775. Approximately 500 students continue at home learning this term and the other students are scheduled for in person learning. When we return to in-person learning we will be serving approximately 275 students in person.

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor Athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the winter sports season. Restrictions have been revised for game attendance. Max capacity in our gym is 20% or 200 total. Current conditions allow for open ticket sales.

Basketball currently 4 and 9, our last home game is Friday, Feb. 12, it is also senior night.

Wrestling update: Team competed in the TSSAA Region Wrestling tournament. We finished first in the one weight class, second in another and 3<sup>rd</sup> in another. These 3 will represent CHS in the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 18 . Three girls competed in the East Region Wrestling Tournament, one girl placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her weight class and will advance to the Girls' State Tournament on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the first girl to win region and to represent CHS at state.

Students' End of Course results (from Dec.) have been received. We did have a 70% - 88% testing rate of attendance which is good given the circumstances. However, our Math scores did show a significant drop in the % of students scoring proficient. School leadership is working with teaching teams to address this.

Monday, Feb. 15 is a school holiday.

Buffy asked about attending the basketball game and Mr. I said anyone could buy a ticket. The capacity has to be at 200.

Buffy said it was exciting that we were going to get to award more jackets this year.

Tara stated she had just text with Lucy and she said hello to everyone and asked everyone to continue to pray for her recovery.

Buffy text with Finley King and he was at the airport ready to fly and could not attend the meeting.

### **Student Officer's Report**

Sarah Katheron reported that next week they will be going to school five days a week and that Junior and Seniors were hoping to find out Prom and Graduation dates. Juniors will be taking ACTs in March.

### **Old Business**

Buffy reported for the scholarship committee due to Lucy Bofforf being in the hospital. Heather asked for prayers for Lucy. She is still in the ICU with hopes of going to a regular room at the beginning of the week. Tara said Lucy is doing a lot better. Lucy asked the scholarship committee to press on in her absence. Buffy and Barney Ottinger have looked at the original criteria and are correcting applications. They are hoping to have them to Mrs. Alexander in a

couple of weeks. Sarah Katheron worked with Zoey Greene on a nice story about the scholarships. Buffy reminded everyone that the use of scholarships was extended for the class of 2020 and they will look at the class of 2021 to ensure they get to use the money.

Barney reported on the DAHOF. No new applications are being taken for this year. Previous applications of those not chosen are being considered. Charlie Sedman is helping with going through the previous applications. There are a couple of names that the committee will meet on and will then be presented at the next alumni meeting. Buffy asked if Tara was going to serve on this committee this year. Tara said if she was needed she would help.

Preston Fore reported on the brick fundraiser. Two people have ordered bricks. Over 200 people have looked at the website and at least 50 went straight to the brick fundraiser page. He asked that we keep sharing through social media. Coach Crawford said he would be sending something out to the class of '68. He said if we could get an email blast out that this will help. Buffy will work with Lucy's assistant, Laurie to make sure an email blast is sent out. Buffy stated that we could get a brick, to start things out, that would say Central High School founded 1907. She feels like this might help get things going and people interested. Tara said she thinks Preston needs to get with Mr. I and have an email sent out to Senior parents with a flyer. Mr. I said that would be an easy send out that we just needed to get the information together to send out.

## **New Business**

There was no new business.

## **Miscellaneous**

Buffy said for everyone to always be thinking of how we can raise funds. She said this year's scholarships would be emotional. She said we could put up another billboard for this year's Senior class. They have missed out on a lot and we need to think of ways to make it special for them. She asked Mr. I if there was any news on graduation. He said the week of May 17 had been set aside for graduation ceremonies. No dates have been confirmed. Mr. I said at Central they are starting to make plans in hopes that they will get a green light on having events.

Heather asked how Jessyca was doing. Mr. I said she submitted a paper about the current events going on this year and has found positive ways to express herself. Mr. I said they really have worked on the social/emotional piece of their education and hoped that getting back to school next week would be a positive for all the students.

Heather also asked if we needed to make a motion and vote about buying a brick and Buffy said she was just planting a seed in everyone's mind and we would see where it would go. Katheron Latham said that this Tuesday they had their first after school rehearsal and it was nice to be back together singing.

Coach Crawford asked Mr. I to consider how we can plan for the DAHOF and the SHOF. Mr. I said we needed to lay some early plans in case we get the green light to have these events.

Tara said we would need to make sure we give them enough time for travel for those out of town. Mr. I said we did have the capability to live stream the events as well. Coach Crawford said we needed to get our press release out and Tara said maybe we would have some dates next month and get something sent out. Mr. I feels like we should plan and be ready for it.

Katheron said that Mrs. Alexander wanted her to check on Bayside for Class Night. She feels like we need a date to give them before we call. Mr. I said we won't know for certain what is going to happen and we need to go ahead and plan for the events and go from there. Buffy said she will get in touch with members of the respective committees to start planning some things. She asked John and Heather to meet and have some what ifs together for the SHOF.

Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tara seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next alumni meeting on March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

### **List of Attendees**

John Crawford

Preston Fore

Admiral Vance Fry

Charlene Fry

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Tara Waldrop

James Walker