

# Chattanooga Central High School

## Alumni Association

### Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023

The February meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on February 9, 2023 in the library and on zoom. James Walker called the meeting to order and wished Coach Crawford a Happy Birthday. There were no new attendees.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Judy Phillips made a motion to accept the January minutes with the correction Katheron Latham suggested. David Sharp seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Major Spencer was at the meeting and his item was moved up on the agenda. He reported that JR. ROTC was having a great year and a 2022 graduate, Zane Ferrying, is attending West Point. He gave an account of some of their competitions and reported that the 105th Military Ball is on 2/24/23 and the Military Awards are on 3/31/23. He encouraged the alumni to watch their storyboards by Cadet Erikson Frias Cruze. They have two students eligible for Boys State this year that Mr. Adam Siler is sponsoring. They also have two girls, twins Ashley and Leslie Frias-Cruze, eligible for Girls State and Col. Brooks is sponsoring one of them. Major Spencer asked the alumni association for \$500 so that both could be sponsored. John Crawford made a motion to provide \$500 for the sponsorship and David Sharp seconded the motion. Motion passed. Major Spencer was extremely grateful and he also thanked us for our help in sponsoring the Venture Training rafting trip this past Fall.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. There was a total of \$895.36 in checks written this month. \$250 for a softball banner & \$645.36 for Constant Contact reimbursement to Lucy Bottorff. There was a \$600 deposit which was the fee Barney Ottinger repaid from the IRS. There is a total balance of \$22,581.65 and a total available balance (less scholarships) of \$20,931.65. John made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Katheron seconded. Motion passed.

At this time James informed the group that the officers voted to sponsor an ad for David Owen and Chris Richardson, both % '85, who are being inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame. James showed the \$200 ads to the group.

## **Principal's Report**

James gave the Principal's report. Mr. I was attending a district meeting.

Current enrollment: 742, Senior class enrollment: 190

Open enrollment showcase was held at the convention center on Jan. 10 to promote our Future Ready Institute offerings to students and families that will be entering 9th grade this fall. Central made a good showing and had a lot of interest from families.

Our district walk-through observations continue to bring positive reactions and comments about the progress at Central.

work sessions on the master schedule are occurring including meeting with district personnel.

Staffing meetings continue with the district with a new base and supplemental model plan: Central has 5 confirmed retirements at this point.

Lights for the Track and Field area have been delivered and installation will begin as weather improves

Our Basketball team is experiencing a strong season

On Feb. 1 We celebrated 330 students that demonstrated proficiency or growth on Benchmark 2.

Events: Presidents' Day Holiday no school Feb. 20

Basketball at OHS on Thursday Feb. 9 last game of the regular season

Parent/Teacher conferences are being scheduled for Feb. 16

Junior class Parent meeting night Feb. 16

JROTC Military Ball Feb. 24 @ 7p.m.

Tara asked if anyone knew who the retirees were. Sarah Katheron Latham said three were public knowledge, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Kelley. She stated that the others are just rumors.

There was some discussion about the lights that are being installed at the track. Tara suggested we reach out to Mr. Steve Highlander to thank him for all his help. James and John wondered if there was someone else who helped secure the lights. Tara will speak with Laura Highlander and try to find out.

The group discussed some concerns about the county being behind on installing the kiln for the art department that the alumni association helped purchase last year and wondered if there would be a delay installing the lights at the track as well. Someone will ask Mr. I about the kiln and concern about the lights

## **Student Officer's Report**

Riley Hayden shared that the fundraiser for the National Honors Society raised approximately \$200-\$250. They sold donuts at 3 basketball games. The funds will support the beautification project by the Ruriteen Club.

Sarah Katheron and Riley shared various activities/events etc. going on with the senior class. Valedictorian is Sarah Katheron Latham and Salutatorian is Seth Young. The student representative is Sydney Tome and the Faculty representative is Riley Harden.

The alumni scholarships that are available and the application deadline is being announced each morning.

Prom will be April 29th at the Car Barn and they are excited about the DJ that will be there this year. Ms. Thornhill is doing a Lolli-Gram Sale to raise money for the Prom.

Sarah Katheron shared that the CDC Prom for Special Needs is March 10th @6:00 in the school cafeteria. Tyler G. % '19 is coming back to DJ the event. He is now a student at MTSU and graduates this Spring.

Riley and Sarah Katheron designed a flier to advertise the alumni association that has a QR code (this takes you directly to the website). The group complimented them on the design and Lucy mentioned that she loved the similarities between the flyer and the emails that are sent out for meetings.

## **Old Business**

Barney Ottinger gave the 4 nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (DAHOF). Winston L. Massey % '23, John Crumbly % '93, Dr. Michael Robert McCoy % '68, David Starbuck % '77. The members of the DAHOF committee are Barney, Tara, James and Charlie Sedman. Charlene Fry indicated that she would be sending a nomination for Kenneth Davis % '73 and Tara stated she was going to talk with Ms. Hay as they have both mentioned nominating Scott Monroe.

Barney reported that he and Lucy are working through the process of trying to get our 5013c tax status reinstated. He said we might have to reapply. They did find in the charter review that we were a 501c7 but it was amended in 1991 to a 501c3 status. They are gathering information needed so Barney can file our 2022 taxes. Lucy stated that in the future we should hire an accountant who files this type of paperwork for us so we will know it is taken care of. Barney asked for recommendations of anyone in the area who might be able to help us with this. Tara mentioned Andy Anderson. Andy is a Tyner graduate but it is believed his wife is a Central alumni. Tara will send Andy's information to Barney.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is March 15th. Lucy indicated that she understands a new application was developed but she has not seen it. She asked if they were submitting these or acquiring the application online. Sarah Katheron and Riley both indicated they had not heard anything about the application being online or being submitted online.

Tara stated that the application had been changed by personnel at the school and feels like the application should not have been changed without the scholarship chair being involved. She indicated that Lucy, scholarship chair, needs to review the application before next year if something needs to be amended she can do so and give the school the new application. Tara also stated that possibly school personnel needed to be reminded that the Alumni Scholarship application is what the Alumni want and the Alumni can provide a copy to them for distribution.

Sarah Katheron had an application with her at the meeting and emailed a copy to Tara. Tara forwarded this to Lucy and the board so that they have a copy. Katheron believes it is the same one as last year. Katheron said she feels we will see a larger number of seniors apply for the Alumni Scholarships this year.

The scholarship committee consists of Lucy, Barney and Ken Conley. Lucy indicated that the President also always serves, so James will serve on the committee as well.

The date for the golf tournament is September 16th. The fee has gone up to \$69. Tara said that whatever we need to do to ask for the discounted price we needed to do as soon as possible. James is going to contact Greg Vital or Esther Helton to approve this. Last year he thinks Greg was confused between this and the quarterback club (thinking they were the same) and therefore our discount didn't get approved.

Judy Phillips and Barney are working on Save the Date info to go out. The committee is James, Barney, John and Judy.

There was a question about the Senior class officers not attending the meetings. It was stated that the Senior class president knows about the meeting and the responsibility but possibly the other officers do not know. Katheron said that anything we wanted any of the officers to know (Fr., So., Jr., Sr.) could be sent to Mrs. Crawford and she would let them know. James mentioned getting their emails to send reminders but we can't email their school account so the best option would be to go through Mrs. Crawford. We are hopeful we can see class officers attend as they have in the past.

## **New Business**

James asked for grace as he gets all his ducks in a row.

Barney asked that someone check to see if Preston has his email because he didn't get an email about the meeting.

The alumni association will be purchasing their own Zoom account. James should have this set up by the next meeting. Katheron will bring her laptop to the meetings for this and James said he could bring his iPad. Tara said she could bring her laptop if someone was going to be out.

John wanted to review the dates for the Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) since he wasn't at the meeting when the date was decided, nor was Heather Randolph who also serves on the committee. He asked if it could be on the same weekend as the golf tournament because it will be 3 weekends in a row that we are asking alumni to come 9/15 (football game), 9/16 (golf tournament), 9/22 (SHOF) and 9/29 (Homecoming). Tara agreed that having it on one weekend would be good and might help the golf tournament. Judy felt it would be too much for one weekend. She said that she looks at names who participate in both events and that we don't really gain golfers from the SHOF. The group decided to leave the SHOF on September 22nd.

## **Miscellaneous**

Katheron told the group she will be at Lee University Friday and Saturday with the choir. She asked us to remember them and her hope is that it would be a great experience for them. She stated that it would be the first time some of the students would be on a college campus.

Charlene Fry shared that she and Admiral Fry were at the school this week and were able to hear the choir. She praised them for doing such a great job and said they really enjoyed their time with them.

Charlene also indicated that Mr. I is trying to work on an unclaimed scholarship by an individual and if it is not rewarded they will use that money this year for someone else.

Barney asked about the pullovers we give to individuals who make it to state. Several responded that we are still doing this and he was glad to know this.

Next alumni meeting is on March 9 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and on zoom. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

## **List of Attendees**

Lucy Bottorf

John Crawford

Admiral Fry

Mrs. Fry

Riley Hayden

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Major David Spencer

David Sharp

Tara Waldrop

James Walker