

# Chattanooga Central High School

## Alumni Association

### Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021

The January meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on January 14, 2021, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Barney Ottinger made a motion to continue the year 2021 with the same officers. He said that considering the year we have endured and no new nominees have been presented that a rollover of officers would be the best.. The current officers agreed to continue in their current roles. Barney stated this was by acclimation and just made sense. Katheron Latham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Buffy made a motion to accept the approved December minutes. Tara Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes. Finley King seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tara presented the treasurer's report. She discussed with Buffy the scholarship distribution for the Hoge family scholarship and explained the \$1000.00 showing was a mistake. All the scholarships from the Hoge family have been distributed. The total balance as of 1/12/21 is \$31,366.29. The total available funds is \$25,790.19. Buffy asked if the Fry scholarship had been traced down. Tara said there is one still outstanding. Tara can only see who we have paid, not who is supposed to receive. No one has claimed the Frizzell scholarship yet either. Tara said that Lucy Bottorff will check on the status of the scholarships. There was a lot of discussion about the scholarships and how to get in contact with the students to encourage them to claim. James Walker reminded the group that the scholarship recipients have one calendar year to claim the money. Tara made a motion to extend, for this year, scholarships that were awarded in May 2020 by a semester. The extension is for this year only through the Fall of 2021. Buffy seconded. The motion passed.

Tara said that we still have money outstanding from the golf tournament. Barney has helped secure some of the money that was previously outstanding. James Walker has talked to a couple of people and one check should be in the mail. John Crawford asked if Brandon Farrow's team money was in yet. He is going to contact him. \$600 is still outstanding.

James made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Principal's Report**

Covid-19: Schools have shifted to all remote learning. 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 remotely.

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

Central's current enrollment is 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. Again all students are learning remotely at this time.

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 15% or 150 total. Current conditions allow only players, those in their immediate households, coaches, officials and school administrative staff and security to attend athletic functions.

Students' End of Course results have not been returned as of yet. We did have a 70% - 88% testing rate of attendance which is good given the circumstances.

All contact and work is being done remotely. The administrative staff and clerical staff are working from campus at this time. Monday, Jan. 18 is the MLK holiday no school.

Barney asked who was supposed to be reporting the sports scores in the local newspaper. He thinks it is important that our scores are reported and our athletes recognized. James said there is generally a volunteer that sends in the highlights/scores. Mr. I said he would remind the coaches to have a team manager or to assign someone to make sure this is happening. Sarah Katheron said scores are updated on the Central Digest website. James is going to try and get a contact at the newspaper. John commented that it is up to the individual coach to make sure this is getting done.

## **Student Officer's Report**

Jessyca Foster said the students seemed tired and being home doesn't make it any better. She said they are trying to adjust to their schedule and a lot of students are hoping school opens because they want to go back. She is going to send her address to Buffy so the group can resend the cards they sent her.

Sarah Katheron thanked everyone for the cards and emails. She said students would be excited when they could see each other again.

## **Old Business**

Buffy will be checking on the scholarships that were awarded in May and haven't been claimed. Lucy isn't at the meeting tonight and Buffy will be in contact with her regarding scholarships.

Barney feels it is too late to solicit the community for more nominations for this year's DAHOF. We also still have last year's class to induct. He feels that Charlie Sedman and committee should pick 1 person from the nominees already received. John and Tara stated they liked the idea and suggested the SHOF do something similar. John also suggested that 2 people be selected instead of 1. Barney made a motion for the DAHOF and the SHOF to pick 1-2 people to induct in this year's class along with last year's class. Buffy seconded. The motion passed.

Buffy informed the group that Preston Fore is getting to go back to school for the semester and isn't at the meeting because he is packing. She reported that we actually have 9 bricks that have been purchased. There are some old Dodds Ave. bricks as well. He and Tara have been working to get Paypal set up and ready. Buffy said it would take 1200 4X8 bricks to fill the area in the agora that is being considered to put the bricks. Buffy suggested that we could raise more than \$100,000 dollars if we fill up the areas we have talked about.

Tara said Preston has done a great job on the brochure. She feels we don't need to be too specific and say the money is going for student scholarships. She also thinks we need to be careful in where we say the bricks are going. Heather said she didn't see a problem with saying the bricks are going on campus and the money is being raised for scholarships. James agreed and said we need to invite everyone back that brought a brick when the bricks are laid.

Barney asked what the process was to prepare a spot and wondered exactly where we had decided to put them. Tara said there needed to be a huge push through social media etc. and we need to wait until we have enough bricks to fill an area before we begin laying them. Coach Crawford suggested we list the scholarships we give on the brochure that we are sending out.

Heather said we could put the 9 bricks we already have in the display case at school and that we all need to blast it on social media. Tara said that we probably didn't need to list all the scholarships on the brochure because it could be too much wording. She suggested just giving the number of scholarships and the amount of \$\$ this represents. John agreed. Tara also suggested having Preston do a specific brochure for graduates. Mr. I said there is a senior list that could be used for this.

Barney suggested going ahead and putting the bricks in place and fill the empty spots with "dummy" bricks. He said this would give people an idea of what to expect. He feels he can get this "gifted" to us at no cost to the school or the association. Mr. I said this was a great concept. There was some discussion about this. The brick committee will consider this.

Tara said she will get in touch with Preston and relay the information about the bricks from tonight's meeting. John said he was willing to do whatever needed to be done. Barney complimented the work Preston has already done on the form and brochure.

Charlene Fry said she thinks this will make a really nice addition to the school and hopes her graduating class will participate. John said he was going to talk to the members of his class. Judy Phillips asked if Buffy really wanted the people with a Dodds Ave. brick to donate them. Buffy said yes!

### **New Business**

Buffy reported for the girls basketball coaches. They had a game at Howard. The girls basketball team had a fundraiser and raised \$1670 of their \$2000 goal. They are asking for help to get them closer to their goal. This is for transportation, meals on the road, etc. Barney made a motion for the association to give them \$500 to help them. John seconded the motion. The motion passed. Tara stated she will get a check in the mail to them tomorrow.

### **Miscellaneous**

At the Chattanooga Performing Arts Zoom meeting on Jan. 26th. Katheron will be sharing about our piano lab. She also shared that the keyboard Barney donated is allowing someone to take piano from home.

Buffy told the Fry's she was able to brag on them in a fb post and their involvement in the piano lab and she thanked them again.

Heather and the group wished Jessyca & Sarah Katheron luck on the semester!

Mr. Fry stated he will be meeting with Tyler Mullins and writing a letter in hopes of helping him get into the Naval Academy.

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

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

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

### **List of Attendees**

John Crawford  
Jessyca Foster  
Admiral Vance Fry  
Charlene Fry  
Buffy Hoge  
Mr. I

Finley King  
Katheron Latham  
Sarah Katheron Latham  
Barney Ottinger  
Judy Phillips  
Heather Randolph  
Tara Waldrop  
James Walker