

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2020

The July meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on July 9, 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 June minutes. Barney Ottinger made a motion to accept the approved minutes. Finley King seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. There was a lot of activity this month. The dryer for athletics was purchased with money left over for a washing machine. There was a general scholarship donation and the big donation for the piano lab. Some scholarship monies are being held and usually awarded in August or September. The available balance is \$19,009.09.

Lucy asked Barney about the Fryer Bacon Rental Donation for the dryer. She wondered if we were renting something. Barney said that Fryer Bacon was his name and Tara said that was the name on the check. Barney explained that he owned a rental company and had written the check out of his business account. John Crawford expressed his gratitude for all the help Barney did to get the dryer donated.

Barney asked Tara about a previous statement she made about a possible mistake in the financial statement. Tara explained that we were down to \$14,000 something and when she did the annual report realized that she had either missed a deposit or the formula was wrong and the balance in the bank was more than what she had us having. Barney and Buffy expressed that they were glad we had the money and that it was a positive mistake and that was all that matters. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and passed.

Heather Randolph asked if the dryer was to be used for all athletics or only football and if all the coaches of each sport were aware that this was available. Coach Crawford said that the athletic director would be made aware and he would let all the coaches of each sport know.

Principal's Report

Covid-19 closes schools: Virtual Summer school session ended June 19 and was conducted virtually.

The class of 2020's graduation ceremony was held on campus, Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. It was also live streamed.

The district Task Force has submitted a plan for the reopening of school in August but will continue to monitor the situation. (full plan is available on the district web site)

Schools will open in phases based on the levels of concern regarding the spread of Covid 19

Families can choose to do at home learning or virtual school (must make a choice by July 22nd

School enrollment will be impacted

Multiple virtual meetings have been and continue to be held weekly as we prepare for the 20-21 school year.

The following was provided by the district/TSSAA as current status on Athletics.

- The TSSAA will decide the athletic calendar for High School Girls Soccer and Football on Wednesday July 8th. As soon as this is finalized, I will update everyone on these calendar changes.
- From the TSSAA- Only weightlifting, conditioning and fundamental work with no contact is permitted for football, soccer, girls' soccer, wrestling, basketball and competitive cheer. Football will not be permitted to participate in "7-on-7" competitions due to the extended State of Emergency. Cross country, golf and volleyball will be able to continue, with accommodations, as scheduled. While the association does not sanction cheerleading, it does offer a competitive cheer and dance championship and competitive cheer would fall under the Governor's order impacting contact sports.
- As of right now, High School Golf (July 13th), Girls Volleyball (July 27th), and Cross Country (July 27th) can begin their seasons accordingly. We will update any NFHS Phase Guidelines when they happen. As of right now, these sports can begin in Phase 2 when their perspective seasons begin.
- Starting on July 6th, all sports and Band will start in Phase 2 of the NFHS Guidelines. Each sport must follow TSSAA summer guidelines.
- Starting on July 6th and until further notice, no practices can be conducted that allow contact between athletes. All other requirements from the NFHS Phase 2 Guidelines can be followed according to the TSSAA calendar.

- Voluntary Middle School Football practice starting on July 6th has been postponed. We will update everyone on the possible start dates for Middle School football at the appropriate time.
- Currently, there will be no middle school athletic practices until further notice. We plan on having some answers for everyone starting around July 13th.

There is another Board of Control meeting on July 8th, to discuss the plan for football.

Four plans for football were discussed. Those plans are as follows:

1. If the executive order expires on Aug. 29, practice would begin on Aug. 30 with the first game on Sept. 18. All regular season schedules for schools would be replaced by the state office with a seven-week region schedule for all schools. Playoffs would be conducted as usual, but schools that do not make the playoffs would be able to play two extra games after the regular season.
2. If the executive order expires on Aug. 29, practice could begin on Aug. 30 with the first game on Sept. 18. All regular season schedules for schools would be replaced by the state office with an eight-week region schedule. The regular season would extend into Week 12 and the first-round of the playoffs would be eliminated (only region champions and runners-up would qualify). Teams that do not qualify for the playoffs would be able to play two extra games after the regular season.
3. If the executive order expires on Aug. 29, practice would begin on Aug. 30 with the first game on Sept. 18. Schools would keep their current schedule and begin play with the Week 5 game on September 18. Games scheduled against member schools for Week 3 would be played in Week 12. Games scheduled against member schools for Week 4 would be played in Week 13. Only region champions would advance to the playoffs beginning in Week 14. Schools that do not qualify for the playoffs would be able to play one extra game.
4. Cancel playoffs and championships. Start practice on August 30. Schools play games as scheduled beginning with Week 5 games on September 18. Move games against member schools from Weeks 1-4 to Weeks 12-15.

The Board will meet again on July 8 to make a decision regarding football.

Old Business

Lucy Bottorf said Class Night went great and thanked the Lathams for all they did to help. There were many seniors who received multiple scholarships. Central is doing a great job and she thanked Finley and Mr. I. She thanked the scholarship committee, the presenters, Stacey Alexander and everyone involved. James Walker said Mrs. Alexander did an outstanding job!

Katheron Latham said that the piece on "What's Right With Our Schools" on the news about CHS was a bright spot for our school. Tyra Moore's father was the one responsible for getting us on. Mr. I said a second segment was also done and was very nice.

Buffy said she enjoyed Class Night and was looking forward to continuing in the coming years. Coach Crawford agreed and Lucy said we would know more in the future since this night was an exception to the rule. Mr. I said it went well considering the circumstances. Katheron said we needed to get our request for Bayside Baptist for next spring as soon as we had a date. Mr. I said he already had a possible date and will get that to her so she can get the request in.

Coach Crawford said we had our SHOF class selected but that we were waiting for the TSSAA to meet to see what will happen with football. Decisions need to be made soon and he suggested doing the DAHOF and SHOF together at the same time in the gym. Barney agreed. Lucy asked if we could send a save the date for the original date, Sept. 4th, and Buffy said that the earliest we can play football is the 18th so this isn't possible. Buffy asked if we could go ahead and get photos. Heather stated that we would be telling the inductees that they would be inducted but we don't know how, when, or where. Inductees haven't been notified yet. Coach Crawford said he would wait until the end of July and he would make contacts (Heather will contact Marty) and request pictures. A letter will be sent to each inductee. Tara said we should know more by the end of July what is happening with football. The SHOF committee will meet again and decide how to proceed. Any media publication will have to wait. Buffy asked to have the pictures by Labor Day weekend.

Buffy said she and Barney would get together on DAHOF. The DAHOF inductees have already been notified. There are 5 inductees for DAHOF and 5 inductees for SHOF. Katheron asked about the football schedule and if we were sure it would be a home game and Coach Crawford said we were waiting on the state to let us know the football schedule. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the two should be done on the same night. Lucy asked if we were doing it on Homecoming and Buffy said no that once all the dates were reset we would look at open dates. Nothing will be done at halftime. The presentation will take place in the gym and there will be no BBQ dinner due to Covid-19 restrictions. Lucy asked if we can be in the gym and Mr. I said he doesn't foresee a problem unless new restrictions are given. Coach Crawford said it could even be done during the day in front of the student body. Steve Lewis said between 1st and 2nd quarter we could also do introductions. He said we are very limited this year.

Katheron said that the alumni association applied for a Volunteer Electric Company grant. Buffy helped her and they have received a \$2000 donation for the piano lab. Today she submitted the purchase order for the lab. There will be a teacher piano and 14 student pianos and will be installed the first week of August. She has already checked into how to keep everything sanitized. Buffy asked how much more was needed for the last two pianos. \$3000 more is needed. This will also help buy the curriculum. She has had teachers in surrounding counties email her asking how she has gotten this done for CHS. Lucy said you have to have superb

alumni like the Frys! Katheron said she is so very thankful and what a great blessing it is to the Fine Arts program.

Lucy asked if CHS goes to online learning how it would work. Mr. I said they are working on it and that there was a meeting today with principals and the discussion was on how the special programs could teach online. They are getting counts now on how many students are going to do in person learning and how many are doing online learning. Katheron said they can sing in masks 6 feet apart. Mr. I said that it was great that she was willing to be flexible! Mr. I said as long as she was flexible that they would be creative. Tara said it would be a great idea for her to notify the media and have a grand opening because it was a positive light for our school. Katheron said that they are working on having a Fine Arts night and that this would be a great time to invite the media in. Tara said that when it officially opens that a press release should be sent out as well as when they have their night. She said it shows how well balanced Central is trying to continue to be as a public high school.

James said we purchased 8 jackets for the wrestlers and that they are ready. Buffy asked if it was Muffy Chambers who he spoke to. James was unsure but said probably. Barney said it was actually 6 jackets. One of the young men, Jack Neely is going to the army Monday morning but he said we could find a time (possibly during the 1st and 2nd quarter of football) to present them. Buffy said she believes these presentations are appreciated by the students.

Preston Fore reported that everything was done for the website and ready to share. He hopes it can be on the alumni facebook soon. He asked for any suggestions or changes to reach out to him, Buffy or Lucy. Tara said Preston had spent an enormous amount of time and had done a fabulous job. She said we needed to make sure we share the new site. She expressed how proud and thankful she is. Everyone expressed how thankful they are. Preston shared on everyone's screen the new site and pointed out where specific things could be found. Buffy said we would write a letter of commendation to anyone at his school if we could to tell them how amazing he did. Tara pointed out that it was a new and trendy look for us and it was all due to Preston.

Coach Crawford asked how often it would be updated and Buffy said as often as needed. Lucy, Buffy, Tara and Preston are the only ones that will have access to update etc. Tara said that Preston will be emailed changes/updates and if in 24 hours he can't get it done it will then go to Lucy and her assistant Laurie. If they can't then Tara and if she can't it will go to Buffy. Preston gave his email to the group. Tara said Preston will go through Buffy before changes will be made to the site. Coach Crawford asked for the new date for the Connie Hay golf tournament to be put on the site.

James said that August 8th is the new date for the Connie Hay Golf tournament. Coach Crawford is sending Buffy the flyer for the tournament. Preston is already working on putting it on the website! James expressed how proud he was of the piano lab project! Coach Crawford agreed. Alumni Golf tournament is October 10th. The state will not let us do a morning and

afternoon flight. If we fill up the early morning we will go back and ask again to do an afternoon flight. He said he will be getting with the different committees to start getting everything ready. We will do box lunches and are looking for a place to get them from. Barney said the number of golfers is 50 (12 teams) that we are allowed. Tara asked if we should secure a spring date just in case the restrictions push us back again. James and Barney agreed with this and said we should start thinking about this. If we get to have the tournament we can cancel the spring date. Barney said he would be going to talk with Robin at the golf course to try and convince them to have a morning and afternoon flight. James and Barney are going to meet on this. Katheron said she had gotten box lunches donated from Hwy 58 Zaxby's. The manager is Nancy. She said they provide chicken, chips and a cookie. They provided their own drinks. Lucy reminded the group that Zoey's dad works at Zaxby's. Zoey said he is over 10 Zaxby's and she would talk with him about donating the boxes. James said we would need 100 boxes.

Buffy asked if we normally spend anything on lunch and James said Waffle House donates so we have spent zero amount of money. We used to do BBQ and spent \$5-\$6 a plate. Buffy said we could spend some money on lunch if needed. Zoey said she works at Chik-fil-A and she would talk with them as well. Buffy said we would put up a banner to say thank you to whoever helps us.

Steve stated that Mrs. Cochran had to leave the meeting to go to another meeting.

Coach Crawford said James and Gary Woodall had been working on the Connie Hay golf tournament. Numbers are limited and they are encouraging people to sign up and get their money in. He said it is moving along well.

New Business

Buffy said the piano lab had really lit a fire under her tail feathers! She said she feels that we as an association need to take a look at our Visual and Fine Arts programs to see if there are needs. She said we want to show CHS that we support sports and all programs. Lucy asked what she is suggesting, if she had something in mind specifically that she wants to do. Buffy said no, she had talked with one of the teachers about a remark made on fb and she was going to sit down with her and ask her to bring it to us like Katheron did. Buffy said she is excited about where our school is and where we are going!

Coach Crawford said he agrees and we have a great school and we need to keep it going. Tara said that her daddy, Mike Randolph, wanted to come back to school to take her piano class. James said he would to. Finley said the piano lab gives us one more thing to boast because we have something not everyone has. He said students could ask for a hardship to come to our school for the lab. Katheron said we are one of three schools in Hamilton County with a piano lab.

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

Next alumni meeting on August 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

Mrs. Cochran

John Crawford

Preston Fore

Admiral Fry

Mrs. Charlene Fry

Zoey Greene

Mrs. Hay

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Finley King

Katheron Latham

Sara Katheron Latham

Mr. Lewis

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Tara Waldrop

James Walker