

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023

The July meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on July 13, 2023 in the library and via zoom. James Walker called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Judy Philips made a motion to accept the June minutes with the change that Chris Richardson is a '85 graduate. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. We have a total balance of \$21,039.16. There was one expenditure for the month and it will be on next month's report. Judy asked why we are paying for the Southeastern Carpenters Regional Council team fee in the Connie Hay Classic. John Crawford explained that it was in exchange for the Hall of Fame renovations they are doing. John reported that he gave the \$500 check from Ken Connelly for football equipment to assistant football coach Will Ashley. The class of '73 will be making a donation to the Alumni Association. Heather Randolph made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Mr. I wasn't in attendance, each member read through the report.

High School summer school/ACT Prep met M-F, June 5-30. Summer School staff served 40 students

Middle School Transition program was held on CHS campus and served approximately 75 8th graders rising to 9th .

Preparations are underway as we plan for the 23-24 school year. Much time and attention has been placed on staffing, the master schedule, Freshman Academy and on organizing advisory/support classes, for next term.

To date: staff vacancies have been filled except for 1 Science position

CHS is hosting several district meetings during the month of July.

Currently renovations are in progress in G209 and the former bank/storage area to allow for the expansion of our CTE and School Enterprise programs.

Student registration for the new term is underway.

Registration day are scheduled for Aug. 4, with our annual Title 1 Open house and orientation scheduled for Monday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Students first day is Wednesday, August 9th

Our first Pep Rally is scheduled for Friday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. to coincide with our first home football game which is an away game vs. Ooltewah.

Our first Home game is scheduled for Friday, September 15 and Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, September 29 against Sweetwater.

In preparation for homecoming the week of September 25-29 will be school spirit week and we will host our second pep rally on the 29th

Buffy reported that she attended the % '73 reunion. This was the first class that didn't attend Central on Dodds Avenue. They are donating the remains of their reunion money to the Alumni Association and will be purchasing bricks. She will also be attending the % '63 reunion in August in hopes of making connections. Judy will be attending the % '61 reunion Saturday night @the Chattanooga and will set up mugs, golf & brick brochures.

Sports Hall of Fame September 22 vs. Meigs Co.

Student Officer's Report

There was no student officer's report

Old Business

John reported that the Carpenter's Union will be helping make the wooden supports for the HOF pictures to hang on. These will match what is already hanging. They are excited to partner with Central.

John stated that in August 2022 we discussed having cards to hand out at events inviting people to join the Alumni Association. He said we also discussed having a QR code with the bios of the Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (DAHOF) members.

There was discussion about having cards ready to hand out at this year's first football game and possibly charging \$5-\$10 to join. Sarah Katheron Latham suggested having a QR code on the

card to sign up. Tara said we also needed a paper option to join as well for those not tech savvy. This is something that possibly Sarah Katheron and Preston Fore could work on for us.

After much discussion it was decided that there would be a place on our website to join and we will email a membership card. We will also have cards made with a QR code to hand out at events. Lucy Bottorff stated that we already have information on our site but it needs to be revamped. Sarah Katheron and Katheron Latham will work on this and get the information to each of us by email (they won't be able to attend the next meeting) and Tara will talk with Preston as well.

John also asked the group to revisit whether or not we wanted to charge for the SHOF banquet. It was decided that we would stick with our vote from October 2022 and not charge for this.

Brian Smith will emcee the SHOF event again this year. The dinner will begin at 5:30. Tara will help design a link to help with sign-ups & Heather will be in charge of keeping up with this. The link will be sent to the inductees in the letter they will receive. This will be sent by August 1st.

Judy will contact Vivian Pettigrew to ask for her help with the dinner. There will be the presentation at the banquet and again at halftime of the football game. James stated that we need to put the cards we are making to invite people to join the Alumni Association at each table. Buffy will be in charge of pictures and the anvils. Rib & Loin will cater again and Preston will send out the press release.

Judy reported that we already have teams for the golf tournament from the Save the Dates that were sent out. Preston will get the golf brochure on the website and social media. The tournament is September 16th. We still need sponsors!! Barney Ottinger will go and sign the contract. The cost will be \$60 each. Barney will take care of the hole-in-one insurance.

New Business

Right now Pam Harless Miller, Tara and Buffy can sign checks. It was decided that Pam would be taken off the account and John would be added.

Katheron asked if there was any news on having the DAHOF induction. Mr. I and James still have to meet to get a date that will work.

Miscellaneous

Heather informed the group that she had not been able to keep her promise of calling James each Monday and she had not been able to get in touch with the new Ag teacher either due to life events that took place. John said the new Ag teacher is Jeremy Kaylor and that he will continue to coach softball at Hixson.

Heather also reported on the Storage Units she had contacted. Buffy made a motion that Heather find the closest, best one available for our needs and rent it. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Katheron will check on prices for the cards we want made (business card size & post card size). Judy stated that it needs to say Chattanooga Central Alumni & Supporters.

Heather is still gathering information on hosting a color run.

Next alumni meeting is on August 10th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and on zoom. Buffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barney seconded. The meeting was adjourned

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

John Crawford

Admiral Fry

Mrs. Fry

Buffy Hoge

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Tara Waldrop

James Walker