

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2020

The June meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on June 4, 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 May minutes. Finley made a motion to accept the approved minutes. Lucy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$18,062.89. A \$2000 check was received for the scholarship fund. The money came in today for the piano lab and will be deposited tomorrow. Buffy will meet Tara tomorrow in Cleveland to give her the checks. The total available balance is \$14,486.79. Lucy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Heather seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Covid-19 closes schools: Friday, March 13th was the last "physically in the building" day of classes. The school remained "physically" closed for the remainder of the school year. All on-line classes concluded on May 15. The last day for staff was May 22.

Summer school is in session and is being conducted virtually. This will take place through mid-June.

Additional summer learning opportunities are being discussed by the district. Back to school early opportunity that will take place through July.

Events continue to be canceled or postponed due to Covid-19. There is still ongoing work around a plan for the class of 2020's graduation ceremony. Our CHS date is currently scheduled for June 28. Location TBA. Received an email that possibly will use Finley stadium and tentatively graduation will be Mon June 22nd at 4:00 p.m. This still has to be approved.

Athletics have been cleared to resume practice schedules following established safety guidelines. There is no definitive word on the season or schedules. Football and basketball doing some work in the morning and afternoon.

With the re-open process beginning to take place across TN plans are now being considered for the reopening of school scheduled for August. The district has established a Task Force to monitor the situation and develop a plan. Adjustments will be made as they follow the virus.

A successful virtual Senior Day was held on May 7, to recognize Mr. and Miss. Central, the senior class, and this year's dedicatory Ms. LeAnn Shurette. This was an exciting time even though it wasn't a traditional time.

The alumni and Ms. Alexander have been organizing class night for June. The district gave its approval as long as safety guidelines could be followed. The date has been set for June 11.

Coach Crawford asked if football was close to moving to phase 2 since other counties were already in phase 2. Mr. I said as soon as they get word they can move to the next phase.

Heather asked if there was any indication of how many tickets each student would get for graduation. He said it would depend on the location and they were unsure at this time. They will meet again tomorrow.

Mrs. Alexander asked about having on the football field and he said this was a possibility and he would have an update after the meeting tomorrow. He said he voted to have graduation no matter what in some capacity.

Student Officer's Report

Sara Katheron reported for the freshmen. Said they have their summer reading lists and getting ready for school to start again.

There were no sophomore or junior representatives.

DayOnna reported that the seniors were looking forward to Senior Night and they are finalizing their applications for college. She said some would get to go to college and have face to face classes but others, like Harvard, had not decided yet so she might be in the dorms going to classes virtually. She said it was nice to see a lot of people coming together in the protests against police brutality and getting people justice. Cassandra said they are looking forward to graduation and Senior Night.

Old Business

Lucy Bottorff reported that all the scholarship recipients have been selected as well as the presenters. Lucy will be contacting the presenters to organize a Zoom meeting in order for everyone to know the procedures. She asked for Mr. I and Mrs. Alexander to be on the Zoom call. She is concerned that the students will not be notified in time because when she talked to Mrs. Alexander the invitations had not come in yet.

She asked if the invitations had finally come in and if Mrs. Alexander needed help addressing them.

Mrs. Alexander said the invitations were mailed out yesterday and on Monday she sent emails to the specific students that were getting scholarships and asked them to keep the date open. A list of restrictions was sent as well with the invitations. Each recipient can bring 2 people and the event will be live-streamed. She went over the restrictions and guidelines that will be in place for Class night. She expects a good turnout. There are 31 seniors that have been invited. As of now, the yearly total, we are over 1.9 million dollars in scholarships. This includes all 4 years of HOPE, TN Promise, Full Ride Scholarships which makes the total over 4.5 million dollars. This includes all scholarships offered whether they were taken or not.

Lucy asked what time they need to arrive and Mrs. Alexander said the doors would be open 5:15. The event will begin at 6:00. She will coordinate with Mrs. Latham to see what time they need to be there to set up. She stated that it was going to be a great night and she was excited to recognize the seniors and their accomplishments! Tara Waldrop said she would let Larry Ables know about the Zoom meeting. Tara also said that Mrs. King, Jason Frizzell's mom would also be in attendance with a few family members.

Ms. Latham said she was going to make sure the Alma Mater was sung loudly and proudly this year! She also explained how to view the event live from Bayside's website.

Buffy asked for volunteers for the lobby to take temperatures, hand out masks, water bottles, and purple gloves to those that want them. Brielle Farrow, Sara Katheron, and Mrs. Latham said they would help.

Lucy asked if Brielle would present the teacher's scholarship and if Brandon Farrow would present the State Farm scholarship. She confirmed that yes they both would present. Mrs. Alexander will get with Brielle and give her the complete list of recipients.

Coach Crawford stated that the SHOF committee has selected 5 people for this year's class. Letters will be sent out to the families once we know how we will present. Ken Hudgens '60 baseball; Stan Robbs '73 football; W. P. Bang Bang Bales '22-'52 Coach; Marty McDaniel '82 baseball/basketball; Tom Bradshaw Kelsey '81 basketball. He gave a short bio on each. Tara motioned to accept this class. Finley seconded. Motion passed.

Buffy asked for SHOF to let it be known when we can release it to media etc. Coach Crawford said when we decided how and when they will be inducted (Sept 4 as of now) letters will be sent out and it will be released. We have also discussed joining with the DAHOF and doing a joint induction. It will depend on what happens.

Buffy asked Barney, Coach Crawford, and Heather to work with her and meet with her to keep this going and make a decision on how we are going to do it. We will be flexible but tentatively plan to be Sept. 4.

Mrs. Latham pointed out that this was Labor Day weekend and Coach explained that there really wasn't another time due to the football schedule etc.

Barney had no updates on DAHOF and said he was just waiting on a date and whether we were doing it with SHOF.

Mrs. Latham reported that \$15,000 had been received for the piano lab from the Fry's and a \$4000 donation from the Senior class of 2020. A donation from the class of 1953 came in today as well. They have \$29,552. They need \$4000 more to get everything they need. If not they still have enough money to get 13 or 14 pianos. They can place orders in July when they are able to spend money again.

Buffy asked if the vendors were ensuring a price freeze. Mrs. Latham said that yes, they were guaranteeing the price through the end of the year. She is going to Knoxville to try out some pianos. Two vendors are in Knoxville and one in Chattanooga. She hopes to make a decision by the end of the week. She stated her thanks and said the students are excited. She said that just in case there is sickness again, she is asking people to donate keyboards that students can check out to take home. These wouldn't be used in the classroom but would be used as a practice instrument in case we have a situation like we did this year. Barney made plans to meet with her or Mr. I and donate his keyboard.

James Walker wasn't in attendance to report on the status of the pullovers/jackets for the 2 senior wrestlers. Buffy will be checking on this and hopes to be able to present these to them.

Preston Fore couldn't be in attendance but Buffy stated that she, Lucy, and Tara would be meeting with him on all that he has done to get the new website up and running.

The first donation for a door prize for the golf tournament has been received. October 10 is the tournament date. James Walker is the head of this committee and Buffy will be getting with him to discuss.

New Business

The billboard for the Class of 2020 is now up and looks amazing. It is a great tribute to them.

DayOnna said thank you for the billboard and Cassandra said she saw it and is very appreciative.

Tara asked for any pictures that are higher resolution of our logo, gym doors, landmarks of Central. She and Heather are working on a project that will be shared at a later date. She said they can be emailed to her if anyone has them. Buffy has some on her laptop. Mrs. Latham said her husband, Chad, would go take some tomorrow for her. She also asked about a picture of the logo 50 on 50. Lucy said Coach Jones or Coach Crawford should have one. Coach Crawford said he designed the logo and said he doesn't still have that drawing. He said it was a picture of the C and made it big enough for the field. Buffy is going to look and see if she has a picture.

Miscellaneous

Lucy went over the names of people who requested to be on the Facebook page. A few knew some names and stated if they did. Tara asked if she could send us a list of names and Buffy asked for the names in an email so we could look at it closer.

Heather made a motion to adjourn. Barney seconded. Motion passed.

Next alumni meeting on July 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Barney Ottinger
DayOnna Carson
Cassandra Castillo
Phil Iannarone
Buffy Hoge
Katheron Latham
Sara Katheron Latham
Mr. Fry
Mrs. Fry
Heather Randolph
Lucy Bottorff
John Crawford
Finley King
Tara Waldrop
Brielle Kennedy
Mrs. Cochran
Mrs. Alexander