

# Chattanooga Central High School

## Alumni Association

### Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022

The June meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on June 9, 2022 online using Zoom. This was at the request of Mr. I, the principal, due to an event taking place at the school in memoriam of Central alumni Darian Hixson. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order at 6:07. Larry Ables % '88 was a new attendee. Tara Waldrop opened the meeting with prayer for the victim and her family as well as our school, community and city. Larry gave a brief introduction and informed the association that he is running for General Sessions Court Judge with a focus on safety.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Buffy asked for a motion to accept the approved May minutes. Tara made a motion to accept the approved May minutes. Barney Ottinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tara gave the treasurer's report. There was \$329.00 paid to Bricks R Us for 50 blank bricks and \$8.28 paid for administrative fees. A total of \$295.00 was deposited for the brick fundraiser. The total balance is \$25,746.07 with a total available balance of \$23,096.07. Tara asked Buffy about the check written to the quarterback club because it hasn't cleared the bank. Buffy said she had spoken with Talesha, QB Club President, about this already and she promised to get it to the bank as soon as possible. Heather Randolph made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Preston Fore seconded. The motion passed.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. I thanked everyone for their flexibility in meeting tonight through Zoom, instead of in person due to the event planned on campus for Darian Hixson. He was unsure what the crowd, parking etc. would look like, so thought meeting via Zoom was the best option for us tonight.

Central's current enrollment stands at 738.

Seniors have completed all coursework and requirements – Graduation was successfully held on May 17. Only 1 senior is completing during our summer session. Final graduation rate is pending.

Spring Band and Choral concerts were held successfully

Senior Class Night Friday, May 13 was a success

Prom was a success, students that shared did so with positive comments

Last day of school was May 25.

District Wide administrators Retreat was held June 1-3, setting the focus for the 2022-23 SY.

Summer programs/Summer School begins June 6. Both started successfully with 100+ high school students attending and the middle school REACH program also has approximately 115 students. Total in building about 220.

Two upcoming Class Reunions: Class of 1972 Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00 on campus Carrol Waddle is the contact, also, the Class of 2012 planning for Aug. or Sept. Brandon Hambrick is the contact. Class of 72 is confirmed. Class of 2012 is still pending.

Buffy stated that she is going to the % '72 reunion Saturday on the Riverboat.

Heather informed the group that the % '92 would be holding their 30 year reunion on October 1 from 6-9 at Southside Social.

Barney said that our Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) disc needs to be replaced and running when the % '12 come to tour the building. Buffy and Mr. I plan to meet tomorrow to set this up.

## **Student Officer's Report**

Sarah Katheron Latham said that there was a new dress code and the summer reading lists had been received through the mail. Students voted on 3 options for the dress code and the 3rd option (which had the most variety) received the most votes. Students may wear any gold, white, navy or purple polo shirt or any Central High School shirt (t-shirt included), as well as any button up oxford style shirt in the same colors mentioned above. Students may wear any black, navy or olive green colored pants. This dress code applies to all grade levels.

Buffy will meet with Katheron Latham to sign the Volunteer Electric Grant paperwork and Katheron will make a copy for Tara to put with the associations financial records.

## **Old Business**

Barney reported on the association's 501C3 tax status. He stated that we are still waiting on the IRS (30-60 days). He has talked with Liberty tax, the agency that filed for us and they gave him a number to call to check on the filing status. He found out that all correspondence will come to the association's mailbox. He stated that we are at the mercy of the IRS. He also reported that Mr. Steve Highlander wanted to give the association \$2000 out of his discretionary funds to go towards girls basketball and volleyball but couldn't because of our tax status currently.

Buffy reported that the ship date for bricks is June 27th. This is for the 50 blank bricks plus the few that have recently been ordered. Two weeks ago, Barney, Buffy, Pryor Bacon and Jim

Fulmer met and discovered that the columns where the bricks will go can be sawed out without disturbing a large area. Blank bricks will fill in the area as needed. Barney said that Jim Fulmer, a friend of Pryor Bacon, will do the concrete work and they hope to have the bricks in place by the end of July.

Buffy reported that Class Night went well and that Lucy Bottorf was missed. She informed the group that James Walker was presenting the scholarship that Johnny Holden was going to present and ended up getting to present his granddaughter. She stated this was a special and emotional moment.

Mr. I stated that they may not have Class Night on a Friday night next year. Mr. I said that next year the school part of the event would be in the a.m. and the alumni part of the event would be in the p.m. but on the same date.

Lucy asked Mr. I if next year we could know sooner if time was going to be so limited because it was upsetting and some presenters backed out because they were limited and given bullet points on what they had to say. Buffy responded and said she thought the bullet points would be a help and weren't meant to be a script of what had to be said. She stated that it was a new world at Central and things were changing.

Larry commented that as a former presenter at the event, anything to help limit time was a positive. Tara asked who communicated the bullet points to the presenters. Buffy commented that she was and Tara suggested that if Buffy could have gotten with Lucy (scholarship chair) and they presented it together to the presenters for the night that it might have helped. Mrs. Fry stated that their scholarship recipients sent short bios and it correlated with what Buffy has sent out as bullet points.

Katheron suggested that for the future, parents and students be notified if they are going to receive a scholarship/award so they can be in attendance. Mrs. Alexander said that the school did not contact anyone. Tara asked Mr. I if this could happen next year and he said it is left up to Mrs. Alexander and the Alumni Association who are the ones giving the scholarships/awards. Lucy suggested that we send something out and Tara said we need to let students know when applying (we only had 14 applicants) that this is more than the HOPE or PROMISE scholarship and this might help.

Katheron said we need to consider in the future what to do for those that receive our scholarships but already have their first 2 years paid for. Barney stated that we need to find a way to point out the opportunity to students that will get state scholarships that will help, for example, Preston was able to get a computer.

Barney brought back the discussion of the bullet points and Buffy's comment about things changing at the school and said that things need to be communicated and discussed before changes occur. He said that too much communication is better than not enough. He said he

thought the same thing as the other presenters at first and got clarification later but not everyone got clarification.

## **New Business**

The Alumni Golf Tournament is Saturday September 17. Barney contacted Gibby Gilbert and he will be the honorary chairmen. Until we know for sure whether our 5013C tax status is reinstated it will be taken off the flyer. Preston asked if it should also be taken off the website and Barney told him yes, to take it off.

Tara is going to contact Talesha Atkins about the QB Club using CashApp/Venmo etc. at the QB Club Golf tournament. These did not work for us last year because we could not connect to wifi or use a hotspot.

Barney suggested lowering 2 of the sponsorships but it was decided to leave the tournament sponsor at \$1500 and the Purple sponsor at \$1000. Larry suggested adding a lower sponsorship but we already do offer this.

## **Miscellaneous**

Buffy encouraged anyone that could to come out next weekend and help with the QB Club Connie Hay Golf Tournament.

Heather reported that the SHOF banquet is September 30.

John McCoy's wife, Phylis, sent '56, '57 and '59 Champions to the school.

A '40 Champion has been found and will go to the library.

Katheron let everyone know she will not be able to attend the next meeting. She is attending the TN Arts Academy. This is a part of the TN Dept. of Education and is held at Belmont. She received a grant for her training through the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association. Tara asked her how much she was having to pay herself and she stated \$350. Tara made a motion for the alumni association to pay the \$350 for Katheron to attend this training. Heather seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next alumni meeting is on July 14th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and there will be a Zoom link for those that cannot attend in person.

Tara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katheron seconded. Motion passed.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

## **List of Attendees**

Larry Ables

Lucy Bottorf

Preston Fore

Admiral Fry

Mrs. Fry

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Tara Waldrop