

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

The March meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on March 12, 2020, in the school library. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked everyone to review the February minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Zoey. Lucy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Buffy gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$17, 228.17. The Fry scholarship donation of \$2000 came in and \$23.50 came in for Mug purchases. \$1000 went out to the piano lab. The total balance as of 3/12/20 is \$18,251.67. Total available balance is \$14,675.57. Judy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Barney seconded. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Annual CDC prom and the JROTC annual Military Ball were held on Feb 21 and both were very successful.

Recruitment fair on Feb. 22 for employees and it produced many strong candidates for employment.

However, after our staffing report came out it was discovered we would lose 2.5 positions for the 20-21 school year. Trying to make adjustments to have as little impact as possible.

The SRO returned to work on February 24 after a leave of absence.

Hosted Mr. Ruben Justice on Feb. 26th as a guest speaker. This was very successful. He spoke to several groups of students about his time at Central and the era of time he was there.

Principal Iannorone spoke at the local Chamber meeting on behalf of Central on Feb. 27. Shared exciting happenings at Central.

An in house college fair was held Feb. 28. It was well attended and deemed very successful.

Conducted the third round of quarterly benchmark testing the first week in March.

Hosted Middle School transition visit today, March 12, from Hunter Middle. Brown Middle is scheduled for next week. That will be changing.

The annual talent show will be held tomorrow afternoon, March 13. This is open for discussion.

Update on current virus concerns: Just concluded a district meeting with all principals and district level leaders. The decision has been made that tomorrow, March 13 will be a regular school day. School will be closed through March 27 and students will return March 30 unless something else happens between now and then. Administration and staff will be working so that learning can take place in an online platform and other methods so that instruction can continue.

Dates to remember: (Provided there is no further disruption to the school schedule)

ALL MARCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

- District wide Professional Development for staff March 16
- ACT testing March 17
- Spring Play March 27
- Choir performance at Dollywood March 28
- JROTC sponsored Blood Drive March 31
- Academic Awards Day April 2
- JROTC Awards Day April 2
- Spring Break April 3-10 (subject to change)
- Superintendent's Honors Banquet April 14
- Class Night May 7
- Senior Day May 8
- Graduation May 12 @6:00 p.m.
- Last Day of School May 21

Lucy (attended by phone) asked Mr. I to explain why we would lose positions. The district projects needed staff to accommodate enrollment. Enrollment has dipped a little at Central so 2 teaching positions will be lost. Mr. I has worked so that this will have little impact on current staff and on the students. It is not finalized yet but it appears they will be able to maintain the current staff and arrange scheduling to accommodate this. There will be no new hires.

Lucy asked how the next few weeks student participation will be monitored online. Mr. I explained that they use Google classroom and other online platforms and information will be shared this way. They already use online learning but this is the first time it will be on such a large scale with no students actually in the building learning. The students and staff are familiar with online learning to some degree. Teachers will report Monday to plan and update action steps to using those online platforms.

Student Officer's Report

No freshman represented. Jack Graham, Sophomore Class President reported that before finding out about the two weeks off from school, they were preparing for the end of the quarter finishing up work. Zoey, Junior Class Secretary reported that today was Hunter shadow day. There were a few flaws but they do have all the forms needed. Brown's shadow day was scheduled and she feels confident they won't make the same mistakes. This will be rescheduled. The choir and band performed and they both were a huge hit. Overall it was a success. She is unsure about prom planning. The trip with Greyson has been moved to July 20-23. The Body Exhibits trip with AP Bio has been moved. An MTSU trip has been moved as well. They are just trying to figure out the new schedule with tests and trips.

Buffy asked how Brown will do their schedule if they do not get to do their shadow day. Mr. I said they weren't sure but they would probably go down to Brown. Zoey will be talking with Mrs. Atkins for further information.

DayOnna Carson, Senior class treasurer said the valedictorian and salutatorian were announced. The seniors are focused on getting job shadow hours completed. Next Tuesday they were planning on doing job shadowing and community service hours. They were also going to be working on their portfolios. They have been filling out scholarship applications. Dual enrollment students are worried about tests that are taken each Friday on the teachers computer. They are looking forward to college. She has applied for a scholarship and is a finalist. She has been accepted to Washington University and is waiting to hear from others.

Buffy opened the floor for the other seniors. They stated Ms. Alexander was doing a great job helping with the scholarship applications. Buffy applauded Stacy, Lucy's assistance for the great job she has done as well.

Preston Fore, University of North Carolina is on his scheduled spring break and will be going to online classes indefinitely.

Jake Johns, University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He is working online until April 3rd. Housing has closed He is interning with a Universal Music Group in Nashville starting May 1. He will be a Junior at the start of Fall.

Old Business

Buffy stated that the scholarship application is now closed. Ms. Alexander prepared applications and they were updated this year. Lucy chairs this committee with Ken Connelly, Buffy Hoge and Barney Ottinger. Buffy will mail the packets that the students have sent in. There are 30 applications. Buffy explained how hard it is each year to choose the scholarship winners.

Barney stated that there were 9 DAHOF nominations to consider. The nominees came from both Dodds. Ave location and Hwy 58 location. 5 nominees were selected to present to the alumni. 1954 graduate Mrs. Charlene Fry; 1991 graduate Cecil Stokes; 1935 graduate J.B.(James Bennett) Collins; 1977 graduate Dr. Earl Douglas Williams Jr.; David Young Copeland III. A short bio was read by Barney on each nominee. Barney made a motion to accept these nominees. Buffy seconded motion. Motion passed.

Buffy said that the Class Night reception was still scheduled immediately following Class Night Awards. She is working with Mrs. Latham on this. Mrs. Latham double checked with Bayside on the date. A custodian will need to be paid for \$125. \$750 is already allocated to cover expenses.

Coach Crawford is out of town. Buffy spoke with Heather Randolph shortly before meeting and she stated there are no new updates for SHOF at this time. Buffy said the SHOF committee will be meeting separately and will have an update at the next meeting.

The piano lab has received another donation. They are up to \$7,150 donated and they have a matching donor. Total is \$14,300. The goal is \$30,000. With what they already have they can start. They need a teacher piano, network system and 2 sets of 8 pianos. They have enough for teacher piano, network system and 7 ½ pianos. Mr. I has committed to have at least one piano for them and a room has been picked out. They are thrilled and expect more donations to come in. They have applied for several grants and have written many local businesses for donations. There was a lot of interest from the Hunter Middle students and the Brown middle students are interested as well.

Barney asked what the pianos looked like. Mrs. Latham explained what the lab would look like and how the networking system works. She also explained how she will be able to monitor the students and the many options this will give her to work with the students.

Lucy asked if the college students in attendance understood what the piano lab was and they said yes. Buffy stated she had passed on some information of people that might want to be involved in the piano lab project. Mrs. Latham sent personal letters to the mentioned people (The Johns & Hamills).

New Business

6 wrestlers placed in the state tournament. Buffy made a motion to continue the tradition of awarding jackets to student-athletes who go to state. Jake seconded. Barney stated they are actually windbreaker/pullovers. She will get names to James Walker. The motion passed.

Buffy stated that we aren't directly involved but as an fyi said they are working on the entrance sign (the brick one). Mr. I stated that parents had reached out and got some volunteers together and pressure washed the sign, got a base coat painted, repainted the letters. They are

going to landscape around it. Mr. I said it looks much better. When the volunteers ran out of funds the school gave the remainder of funds to complete.

Buffy stated that about 1 ½ year ago Barney and Lucy worked with a web designer to get the bylaws and charter online so that anyone could inspect them that wanted to. It has recently come to her attention that someone wants to see a constitution online. In the state of TN we can operate as an association under the charter and do not need a constitution as such. If anyone has any further questions that is the central answer. Barney and Lucy said there is no such thing. We do not have a constitution. Jerry Summers can be contacted about this if necessary. There is no such thing and needs to be put to rest.

Miscellaneous

Judy Phillips reported that Barney's mother-in-law passed away last week.

Judy stated she and Tara both have a copy of a letter from Mrs. Hix (Charles/Beatrice Hix) and her husband had passed in April 2019. He was treasurer of class of 1945 class. Inside was a check for \$100 in honor of Mrs. Jolly. She thanked the alumni. He was awarded a scholarship to GA Tech

Jake asked everyone to be careful traveling.

Zoey said she forgot to mention that when the 8th graders came a guy signed up for cheerleading and a lot of girls signed up for wrestling.

Barney said they did not vote Mary Ruth Neyman May in the DAHOF this year. She was originally nominated for SHOF but was passed on to the DAHOF. She is a likely candidate for next year.

Mrs. Latham stated that Sarah Katheron Latham, Freshman & Riley Markum, Junior are both Carson Scholar recipients again.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn. Jake seconded. Motion passed.

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

Heather C. Randolph

Acting Secretary

List of Attendees

Barney Ottinger

Naomi Hay

Judy Phillips
Preston Fore
Cassandra Castillo
David Rudek
Danae Wnuk
DayOnna Carson
Zoey Greene
Jack Graham
Phil Iannarone
Buffy Hoge
Katherine Latham